



**RIDGEVIEW
HIGH**

1926-1966

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DEDICATION

I would like to thank everyone who helped me put this yearbook together. Special thanks to four former teachers of Ridgeview: Mr. Samuel Davis, Mrs. Janet Thompson, Mr. Burrell Brown, Mr. E.G. Fuller on behalf of Mrs. Marie Fuller.

Besides the individual pictures that were given to me to be placed in this album, pictures were also taken from five former yearbooks, from the years 1941, 1956, 1959, 1961 and 1988.

Thank You.

William Tye
2001



ALMA MATER

By the Ridge of Blue Top Moun-tain
stands dear Ridgeview High.

Whose fame and hon-or ev-er mounting,
nev-er ne'er will die.

Ridge-view Ridgeview Al-ma Mater,
your sons and daughters are true.

Long as the sun sinks o'er yon mountain,
we'll cheer the orange and blue.

From The Halls Of Ridgeview High

Class of 1940

Paul L. Burton	Walter W. Gaston
Lloyd W. Bumgarner	Ella L. Goodson
Aldine H. Chapman	Eugene D. Hill
Neri D. Clark, Jr.	Israel T. James
Andrew J. Derr	Alice M. Jenkins
Catherine Dula	George T. Larkin
Alberta Fambrough	Martha L. Mulligan
Chersie M. Fambrough	Annie F. Sudderth
Corine Finger	Vance R. Shuford

Class of 1950

Jack Brooks	Gaither Hestor
Margaret Brown	Richard Hoover
Garland Burton	Hilda Howell
Mary Cade	James Killian
Sara Carter	Nip Kimball
Ralph Curry	Jessup Melvin
Mamie Derr	Eunice Morrison
Ralph Derr	Oliver Pope, Jr.
William Fambrough	Christopher Rankin
Eugene Harold	Ruth Williams

Class of 1947

Roscoe Barringer, Jr.	Lillian L. Letterlough
Gaither L. Bost	Clayton Longcrier
George A. Campbell	Pearl Morris
Ethel Curry	Margaret Lorene Mundy
Etta Mae Deal	Paul Patterson
Alberta Finger	Birdie Mae Price
Arnold C. Foster	William Rankin, Jr.
Virginia Fullwood	Benjamin F. Rhinehardt
Edward Gable	Gladys Saddler
Thomas J. Gamble	Kenneth Shuford
Pauline Hill	Walter J. Thompson
Savannah Hodge	Rosa Williams
Harold J. Hunter	Willie Rea Wilson
Willie Johnson	Helen Wright
J. Thomas Killian	

Class of 1957

Benny Abernathy	Rose Marye Pope
Barbara Boston	McCorkle
Ralph Childs	Betty Conley McGinnis
Curtis Davis	Tassie Wise Merritt
Mary Morrison Davis	Allen Mitchell
Richard Davis	Berniece Johnson Mitchell
Barbara Duke	George Oglesby
Wallace Dula	Robert Pope
Bobby Flowers	Mary McGuire Sample
Robert Fambrough	Dorothy Shuford
Caesar Frederick	Patricia Chambers Smith
Dorothy Scott Green	Frank Suddereth
Willie Pope King	Jessie Collings Walker
Cozette Johnson Long	Charles Williams
Eccolia Prysox Mack	Dolores Finger Wright

Class of 1958

James C. Connely	Boyce A. McClain
Ladell Covington	Kenneth McCorkle
Ivey W. Dula	Cozette Patterson
Juanita Flowers	Doris Ann Ramseur
Annie B. Frederick	Yvonne Setzer
Douglas D. Gaston	Roger E. Shade
Betty R. Hull	Shirley Sherrill
Virginia A. Lee	Rose Mary Tucker
Mary F. Little	Maggie E. Williams
Aleene Longcrier	

From The Halls Of Ridgeview High

Class of 1960

Barbara Abernathy	William James
David A. Anderson	Nathaniel Jennings
Claude D. Audrey	Nathaniel Jett
Ida Louise Blair	Shirley P. Johnson
Taft Broome	William Johnson
Virginia Brown	Marlene Johnston
Fred Campbell	William Kee
Ozzie B. Clay	Nancy Kimball
Robert L. Conner	Irene Morrison
Floyd Culbreath	William Newman
Matthew T. Davis	Joe Louis Rankins
Alice Faye Finney	Alice Roland
Robert L. Griffith	Nathaniel Scott
Joseph Hall	Zelma Shuford
Charles N. Holloway	Eloise Tolbert
James Holloway	Robert Turner
Billy Hull	Flossie Elsie Waller
Samuel E. Hunt	Lucy Woods

Class of 1961

Judy M. Abernathy	Steven C. James
William C. Abernathy	Vincent L. James
Dora Brown	James C. Johnson
Dorothy Bumgarner	Robert L. Killian
Joyce Burke	Shirley L. Lee
Evelyn Carlton	Rosie A. McClain
Betty Jean Coats	Peggy J. Parks
Mattie Coats	Nathaniel Powell
Joseph Collins	Thomas Propost
Cecilia A. Davenport	Linda R. Rankin
Hazel Davis	Jessie M. Rink
Oscar H. Ervin	Shirline Roland
Willie Flowers	Ann R. Roseboro
Edna B. Frederick	Betty J. Scott
Mildred M. Grimes	Bessie L. Setzer
Allen Hart	Clyde A. Shade
Jimmie Lee Haynes	Melvin D. Shade
Eleanor R. Hester	David Slacks
Betty F. Hill	Thomas F. Suddereth
Richard Hodge	Ernest J. Thompson
Arnold E. Houston, Jr.	Steven R. Thompson
Sarah J. Hull	Ernestine Wilson
Irma J. Hunt	

Class of 1962

Doris Blair	Margie James
Charles Bost	Douglas Jennings
Burrell P. Brown	Nettie N. Jett
Wilbert Brown	Beatrice Johnson
Calvin Burch	Jacqueline Johnson
Sue C. Carson	Tony Lee Killian
Kenneth B. Carter	Ruth Knox
James Childs	Virginia Peterson
Edward Clay	Geroldine Pope
William C. Conley	Louise Reid
Phillis Finger	Amos Saddler
Doris Forney	Bobby Thompson
James Gabriel	Patricia Thompson
Jerry Griggs	Clara White
Mertice Hoover	Barbara Withers
Nadine Hull	

Class of 1963

Glenn Anthony	Dourlyn E. Holland
Eugene Banks	Patricia Ann Horton
Arthur N. Blair	Rudolph Hoyle
Stuart A. Broome	Harold L. Jennings
Donald C. Bumgarner	Carolyn Ann Johnson
Martha (Burrell) Bush	James Kimball
Booker T. Cason	Anita Kissler
Everett T. Carson	James E. Morrison
Harold W. Chapman	Essie Mae McCorkle
Henry G. Chapman	Franklin McKnight
Thomas E. Childs	Willie G. McKnight
Leonard M. Clay	George Pope
George F. Connor	James E. Primus
James Connor	Shirley Robinson
Richard Davis	Charles Saddler
Charles L. Dula	Calvin Sharpe
Thomas W. Flowers	Savannah B. Spencer
Nathaniel Foster	Jackie (Connor) Stinson
Willie J. Freeman	Alma (Suddereth) Surratt
Emma Lou Fuller	Horace Teel
Juanita M. Griffith	Jimmie R. Turner
Lee Roy Hall	Donald G. Williams
Martha Sue Hall	Jeanette Young
Jewell Hector	Jerome Young



From The Halls Of Ridgeview High

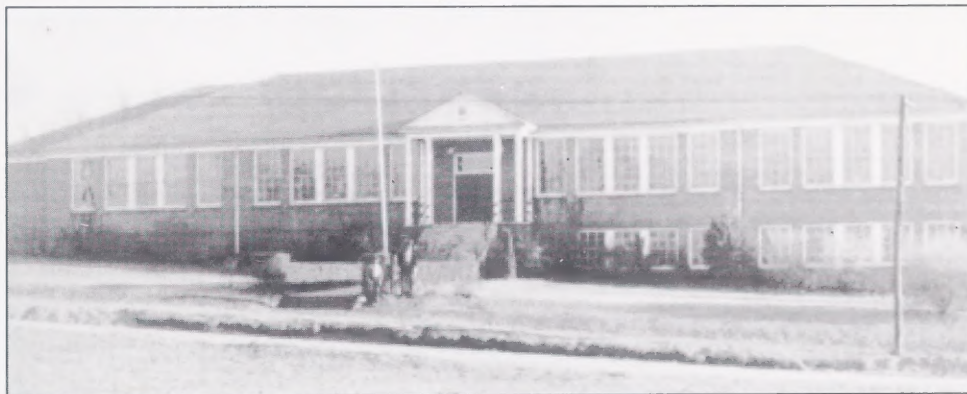
Class of 1964

Alice B. Bradley	Brenda L. Morrison
Nelson Brookenborough	Olivia Morrison
Joseph D. Burke	James F. Pearson
Forris Evans Byrd	Margaret Ann Pope
Betty Mae Davis	Willette Ramseur
Louis Franklin Derr	Lettie Mae Revell
Truman Early Duke	Edward Rogers
Robert Dula, Jr.	William M. Roland
Patricia Finger	Charlotte Scott
Sandra Lee Finger	Peggy Ruth Setzer
Robert Lee Hull	Dorothy Shade
Charles Henry Hunt	Richard A. Shade
Linda C. Hunt	Juanita Shuford
Shirley Hunt	Margaret Surratt
Gloria Ann James	Ervin Thompson
Ernestine Jett	Judy Ann Thompson
Audrey Ann Johnson	Sally Edna Warlick
Forney Leon Johnson	Brenda L. Warren
Hilda Louise Lutz	Nancy Wilfong
Norma K. Michaux	Edith Wilson

Class of 1965

Charles Abernethy	A.B. McCorkle
Mitchell L. Anthony	Hubbard Morrison
Mary Jo Blair	Wilbur L. Morrison
Marcenia L. Brown	Allen Pope
Lee Douglas Bumgarner	Joyce Ann Pope
Janet D. Burke	Tillis Rendleman
Nadine Carlton	Jessie J. Ruff
Lucille Carter	Mary Lou Saddler
Peggy S. Coates	Samuel Scott
Ralph E. Conley	Dwight Shade, Jr.
Mary L. Cornwell	Donald Shuford
Sarah F. Cornwell	Mary A. Smith
Edward L. Cunningham	Dorothy A. Thompson
Maggie M. Davis	Dwight Thompson
Betty J. Foster	James C. Thompson
Betty (Johnson) Hamrick	Betty Sue Turner
Virginia A. Harbison	Gloria J. Wade
Harvey A. Hewitt	Geraldine White
John H. Hodge, Jr.	Jacqueline White
Paul H. Hoover	John Henry Whitener
Linda Hopper	Craig Wilfong
Shirley Ann Hull	Frances C. Wilfong
Harrison James	Franklin Wilfong
Patricia D. Killian	Doretha Williams
Nancy K. King	Roosevelt Williams
Xenphone Lutz	

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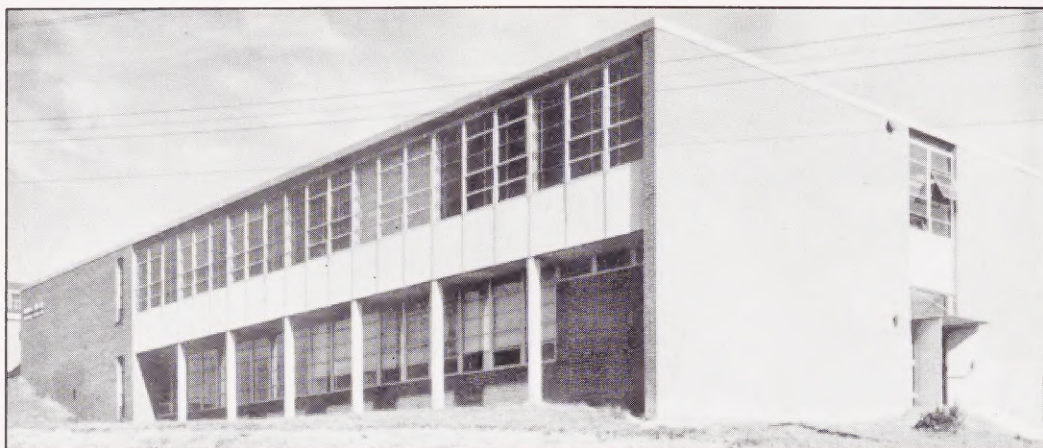


FRONT VIEW



SIDE VIEW

RIDGEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL



AUDITORIUM - GYMNASIUM



Principal Taft H. Broome, Miss Rose Gaston, Mrs. Sharpe with a Hickory Police Office

RIDGEVIEW ALUMNI

(1941)

SINCE Ridgeview High School received its accredited rating in 1928, two hundred and fifty-nine students have graduated from the high school. Of these two hundred and fifty-nine graduates, six have graduated from the Agriculture and Technical College in Greensboro, two have graduated from Winston-Salem Teachers' College, one has completed the course at Swift Memorial Junior College in Rogersville, Tenn., one has graduated from Knoxville College in Knoxville, Tenn., three have graduated from Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, one has graduated from Hampton Institute in Hampton, VA., one has graduated from Shaw University in Raleigh, NC, one has graduated from North Carolina College for Negroes in Durham, NC, one has graduated from The Armour Institute of Technology in Chicago, IL, one has graduated from the Nurse Training Course at Lincoln Hospital in Durham, NC, one has completed a course in Beauty Culture in High Point, NC, three have completed courses in Beauty Culture in Atlanta, GA, one has completed a course in Beauty Culture in Philadelphia, PA, one has completed a course in Beauty Culture in Chicago, IL, one is a proprietor of a Barber Shop in New York City, and one is a barber in Baltimore, Maryland.

The high school names of the above individuals were as follows:

From A. & T. College — Jack Moore, Dorus Forney, Hamlet Goore, Jack Johnson, Carrie Johnson, Edward Moore.

From Winston-Salem Teachers' College — Alice Bennett, Martha Foster.

Swift Junior College — Rolland Lawrence.

From Knoxville College — Jack Stokes.

From Bennett College — Christine Shuford, Vivian Shuford, Desma Bennett.

From Hampton Institute — Mary Lee Shuford.

From Shaw University — Inez Smith.

From North Carolina College for Negroes — Wendell Rhinehardt.

From Armour Institute of Technology — Cornelius Powell.

Nurse Training Course — Helen Curry.

Beauty Culture in High Point — Nellie Corpening.

Beauty Culture in Atlanta, Ga. — Evangeline Dula, Mary Bost, Elizabeth Marshall-Jenkins.

Beauty Culture in Philadelphia, Pa. — Mildred Corpening.

Beauty Culture in Chicago, Il. — Louise O'Neil.

Proprietor of Barber Shop in New York City — Henry Phipps.

Barber in Baltimore, Md. — Fred Williams.

Two Ridgeview graduates are Insurance Agents, two are ticket agents two leading theatres, three are now in Nurse Training Institutions, one is taking a course in Photography, sixty-six have successfully completed one or more years of college training, four are now studying at A. & T. College, two at Shaw University, one at Hampton Institute, one at Bennett College, one at Winston-Salem Teachers' College, one at Barber Scotia Junior College at Concord, one is studying printing in New York City, one is at Johnson C. Smith University, and one is studying in his Junior year at New York University, (Lacoste Evans Brown), and two are in the United States Army.

Thirty-two Ridgeview graduates, excluding all listed above, are working away from the State of North Carolina as follows:

In New York City, 9; in Brooklyn, N.Y., 2; in Atlantic City, N.J., 1; in Philadelphia, Pa., 2; in Pittsburgh, Pa., 1; in Washington, D.C., 6; in Chester, Pa., 1; in Cincinnati, Ohio, 2; in Norfolk, Va., 1; in Baltimore, Md., 2; in Richmond, Va., 2; in Charleston, W. Va., 1; in Detroit, Mich., 1; in Summit, N.J., 1.

The above accounts for one hundred and forty-nine of Ridgeview's graduates; five have died. Of the remaining one hundred and five Ridgeview Alumni, forty-six are living happy and successful married lives; and, fifty-nine are single and gainfully and profitably employed here in North Carolina's Best Balanced and Fastest Growing City, Hickory.

In 1939 two Ridgeview graduates, Wilber Derr and Floyd Culbreath, made an educational tour and visit to a number of outstanding Educational Institutions. The schools which they visited are as follows: The Agricultural & Technical College at Greensboro; Teacher's College at Winston-Salem; North Carolina College for Negroes at Durham; Mary Potter Academy at Oxford; Howard University, Washington, D.C.; Dunbar High School, Washington, D.C.; Armstrong High School, Washington, D.C.; Miner Teachers' College, Washington, D.C.; Lincoln University, Chester, Pa.; Columbia University, New York City; College of New York City, New York City; New York University, New York City; Brown University, Providence, R.I.; Yale University, New Haven, Conn.; Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.; Cornell University, Ithica, N.Y.; Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; McGill University, Montreal, Canada; St. Ann De Baupre, Quebec, Canada.

The Staff

(1941)

RIDGEVIEW is justly proud of the work of its first Annual Staff, of which Mrs. E. E. McFall was chairman of the faculty advisors. Other faculty advisors were Mrs. Deal, Miss Utley, Miss Johnson and Mr. Forney.

The student members of the staff, Lucy Curry, Ella Mae Jenkins, James Culbreath and Rossilee Killian, say that they shall never forget the invaluable aid given them by Mrs. McFall in securing the largest amount financially in advertisements; Mrs. Deal in her indispensable art and lettering; and Miss Johnson, Miss Utley and Mr. Forney for their excellent support in selling the annuals.

The school is very grateful to both the student Annual staff members and their faculty advisors for this splendid Annual.



The Ridgeview Annual Staff

The Faculty

(1941)

A. W. BOOKER

Principal of Ridgeview for 13 Years.

University of Illinois, Columbia University

North Carolina High School Principal's Life Certificate

Phi Kappa Epsilon; Honorary Scholarship University of Ill., 1927.

Ridgeview takes pride in its Faculty, each member of which holds a degree and has preparation as follows:

MISS H. C. BELTON, B.S.
Teachers' College
Winston-Salem, N.C.

MRS. A. J. DEAL, B.S.
Virginia State College
Cornell University

MISS A. E. COX, B.S.
Virginia State College

MISS L. G. ELLIS, B.S.
Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C.
Columbia University

MR. H. L. FAGGETT, A.B.
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Va.

MRS. C. H. BOOKER, B.S.
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.

MISS. M. E. JOHNSON, B.S.
Talladega College
Talladega, Ala.

MISS M. G. POSTON, B.S.
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Va.

MRS. M. S. MITCHELL, B.S. in Music
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Va.

MISS. F. B. McCURRY, B.S.
Teachers' College
Winston-Salem, N.C.

MR. J. A. DILLARD, A.B.
Union University, Richmond, Va.
University of Michigan

MISS D. I. UTLEY, B.S.
Teachers' College
Winston-Salem, N.C.

MRS. E. E. McFALL, B.S.
South Carolina State College
Orangeburg, S.C.

MR. E. T. MOORE, A.B.
MooreHouse College, Atlanta, Ga.
University of Illinois

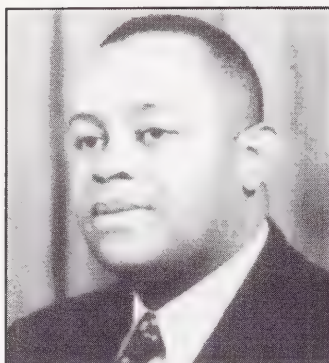
MISS L. Y. WASHINGTON, B.S.
Teachers' College
Winston-Salem, N.C.

MISS M. G. BELTON, B.S.
Teachers' College
Winston-Salem, N.C.

MISS E. E. HOWZE, A.B.
Johnson C. Smith University
Charlotte, N.C.

MISS D. BENNETT, B.S.
Bennett College
Greensboro, N.C.

MR. D. E. FORNEY, A.B.
A. & T. College
Greensboro, N.C.



A.W. Booker, Principal



Miss H. Belton



Mrs. Deal



Miss Cox



Miss Ellis



Mr. Faggett



Mrs. Booker



Miss Johnson



Miss Poston



Mrs. Mitchell



Miss McCurry



Mr. Dillard



Miss Utley



Mrs. McFall



Mr. Moore



Miss Washington



Miss M. G. Belton



Miss Howze



Miss Bennett



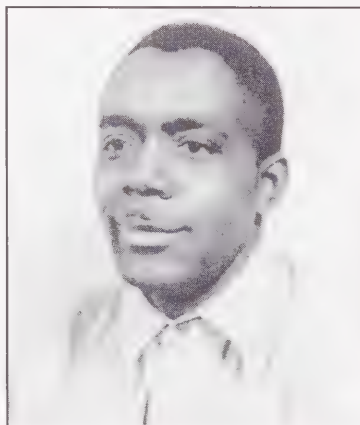
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The Ridgeview Debating Team

By LUCY CURRY

THE Ridgeview Debating Team, under the coaching of Miss E. E. Howze, of the faculty, is proud of its record. Our affirmative consists of Constance Shuford and Theadore Powell, our negative of Lucy Curry and James Abernethy.

In 1940 our State Debating Western District Triangle was composed of Oaklawn High School at Lincolnton, John Chavis High School of Cherryville, and Ridgeview High School of Hickory. Ridgeview won from John Chavis and Oaklawn. This gave us the highly desired honor of competing in the State finals at the Agriculture and Technical College at Greensboro. At the State Contest, we won from Wise Training School and Leaksville. Only three schools out of twenty-five survived to the finals, and Ridgeview was one of those. Ridgeview was eliminated by the Dudley High School, of Greensboro, which won the debate.



THE DEBATING TEAM



The Hi-Y Club

By RODNEY JENKINS

IN 1929 Ridgeview High School realized the need for an organization to set standards of Christian Ideals in the school. The Hi-Y Club, which is the school division of the Y.M.C.A., was introduced and installed in the school by Mr. Witherspoon of Hickory. He is the Director of the Hi-Y Clubs for the States of North and South Carolina. Since 1929 the Club has made a very definite impression upon the lives of the boys who have attended Ridgeview High School. Membership in our club is limited to the boys of the Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes. We hold weekly meetings, in which we discuss Bible topics and current events. A few weeks ago we entertained the members of the Girls Reserve at a special luncheon in the school Cafeteria.

Our club was represented at the 1940 Older Boys' Conference, which was held in Goldsboro, N.C., by Rossilee Killian, Theadore Powell and Eugene Hill. Our delegates gave us an excellent report from this Conference, the theme of which was "THE LIFE THAT COUNTS." At these Conferences the boys listen to inspiring lectures from members of both races.

The members of our club this year are: President, James Abernethy; Vice-President, Rossilee Killian; Secretary, Tendrous Carson; Chaplain, Theadore Powell; Clinton Longcrier, Leonard Howell, Donald Dula, Ossie Hill, King Lutz, James Monroe, George James, Benjamin Derr, Rodney Jenkins, Champ Warlick, Willie Killian, Gerald Coleman, George Bost, Theotis Brown and Andrew Hull. Mr. D. E. Forney of the faculty is our director.

The Girls Reserve

By RUTH HULL

THE Girls Reserve of Ridgeview High School, under the direction of Miss M.E. Johnson of the faculty, has been making great progress through the years. The Ridgeview Chapter of the Girls Reserve was organized in 1934.

The purpose of the club is to offer such training to girls as to help them to develop properly along mental, physical and spiritual lines. Some of the activities in which we have engaged are as follows: the giving of Thanksgiving baskets to the needy, sponsoring Valentine parties, presenting programs at the school assembly, and the presenting of programs at the various Churches.

The members of the club for this year are: Ruth Hull, President; Vivian Corpening, Secretary; Portia Derr, Treasurer; Ida Finger, Gladys Sudderth, Ruby Flowers, Mary Lee Derr, Riller Hill, Hannah Powell, Mary Gabriel, Marie Moore, Cozella Cowan and Nina Belle Hooper.



GIRLS RESERVE

The Ridgeview Glee Club

THE Ridgeview Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. J. A. Dillard and Mrs. M. S. Mitchell, both of whom are ably assisted by Miss L. Y. Washington as accompanist in practices, is doing a type of work of which the school is proud. The club fills engagements for the various Churches and organizations in Hickory. The school takes its greatest pride in its Glee Club from the fact that it is a training institution for the future members of the various Church choirs of the City.

The members of the Glee Club this year are: Zenobia Cornelius, Catherine Brown, Louise Hoover, Marie Moore, Ida Finger, Celia Rhinehardt, Virginia Barbour, Mary Gabriel, Ruth Caldwell, Elizabeth Rhinehardt, Alline Rhinehardt, Vivian Corpening, Cozella Cowan, Bessie Warlick, Gladys Sudderth, Modestine Robinson, Florence Culbreath, Porita Derr, Ruth Hull, Riller Hill, Rebecca Finger, James Dula, John Morrison, Champ Warlick, Irving Bost, Shuford Hull, John Guest, King Lutz, Bruce Blackburn, Hubert Sherrill, James Monroe, Tendrous Carson, George James, Benjamin Derr, George Harshaw and Roddy Jenkins.



THE GLEE CLUB



THE CROWN AND SCEPTER CLUB

The Crown and Scepter Club

RIDGEVIEW feels that one of its most worthy organizations is its Chapter of the Crown and Scepter Club, the State-wide High School Honor Society. After all, the tax payers are supporting the schools as institutions in which the students may learn. The Crown and Scepter Club is to a certain extent an advance indication of the effectiveness of this learning. We use advance here because it is well known that some students learn more rapidly than others, and some more effectively than others.

To become a member of the Crown and Scepter Club a student must maintain an average of ten per cent above the passing mark of the school in this Freshman and Sophomore years. Thus only Juniors and Seniors are eligible for membership in the Society. The Society motivates students to study earnestly during their first and second years in high school. It is well known that students who have laid good scholastic foundations in the first two years of their high school work have few or no difficulties in their Junior and Senior years.

Ridgeview was represented at the Crown and Scepter Convention this Spring at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh by Ella Mae Jenkins, Lucy Curry, Ruby Flowers and James Abernethy. Other members of the club for this year are: Portia Myrtle Derr, Rossilee Killian, Leonard Howell, Ruth Hull, Paul Thompson, Constance Shuford, Ida Novella Finger, Edward Thompson, Jr., Vivian Corpening, Louise Brooks, Mildred Bond, Ossie Belle Anthony, Gladys Sudderth, Roddy Jenkins, Catherine Derr, Lovie Lee Sherrill, Marie Antoinette Moore and Annie Thompson.

Home Making

By BESSIE WARLICK

THE Freshman Home Making Class of 1941 is getting along nicely. Almost all of our members give good service. When we cook we are divided into two groups; one group is called the house keeper, whose duties are numerous, some of which are: 1. Bring our supplies, 2. Straighten the shelves in the pantry, 3. Wash dish towels, 4. Put away supplies at the close of the lesson, 5. Clean the sink. We are cooking practical foods such as we have at home. Our cooking days are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

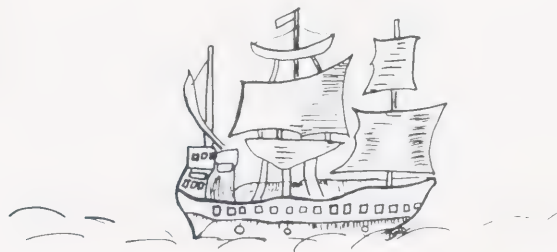
With the cooperation of Mrs. C. H. Booker, our teacher, we have been working with very great interest since September in our unit, "Satisfying and Beautifying Surroundings." We bought a dining room suite and wicker set and repainted and recovered them. We have also bought a set of dishes, with silverware and glassware to match. We have made table cloths and scarfs for all parts of our dining suite. Most of these were made out of sugar and flour sacks dyed various colors. We are making all kinds of stuffed animals for our exhibit, along with many other articles.

Our Home Making Class members are: Myrtle Killian, Gladys McClendon, Ada Mae Murrill, Eloise Byrd, Effie Lee Mitchell, Susie Mae Stevens, Jennie Barbour, Mildred Blackburn, Louise Hoover, Zenobia Cornelius, Ruth Caldwell, Bessie Brice Warlick, Alline Rhinehardt, Grace Gibbs, Henrietta Davis, Mary Rogers Dellinger, Adelaide Wright, Bessie Williams, Zetta Mae Covington, Pauline Herman, Lela Mae Pinkston, Creola Burch, Elizabeth Anthony, Elizabeth McCombs, Constance Kissler and Mary Louise Holloway.



HOME ECONOMICS

RIDGEVIEW



SAILING ON TO

KNOWLEDGE - TRUTH - COURAGE - INDUSTRY



Vivian Corpening



Hannah Powell

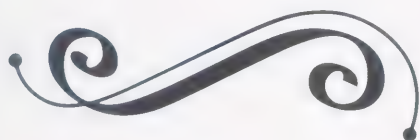


Lucy Curry

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Portia Derr



Class of 1941

The Senior Class

By VIVIAN MARIE CORPENING, *President*

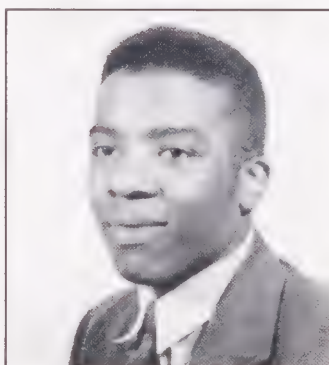
Our Senior class has the honor of being the largest Senior class to graduate from Ridgeview High School thus far. We began this school year with forty-two members, as follows: Louise Brooks, Vivian Corpening, Cathleen Covington, Lucy Curry, Mary Lee Derr, Portia Derr, Ida Finger, Mary Gabriel, Riller Hill, Ruth Hull, Ella Mae Jenkins, Juanita Johnson, Doris Larkin, Esther Milligan, Inez Peterson, Hannah Powell, Zelma Rhinehardt, Constance Shuford, Ossie Belle Anthony, Mildred Bond, Carrie Rhinehardt, James Abernethy, Cecil Bumgarner, James Culbreath, James Dula, Willie Lee Hall, Henry Hill, Ossie Hill, Leonard Howell, Rossilee Killian, Fred Killian, John King, Theadore Powell, Walter Lee Shade, Champ Warlick, Donald Dula, James Kimball, Tendrous Carson and Paul Thompson.

We are proud of the fact that seventeen of the twenty-two members of the Crown and Scepter Honor Society for this year at Ridgeview are from our class.

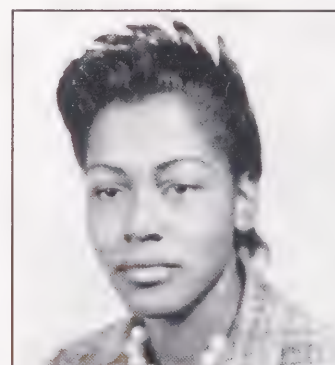
A member of our class has won the "Miss Ridgeview" pennant for being the most popular student at the school for two years.



Mildred Bond



Linard Howell



Riller Hill



Mary Gabriel



Theodore Powell



Constance Shuford



Gladys Sudderth



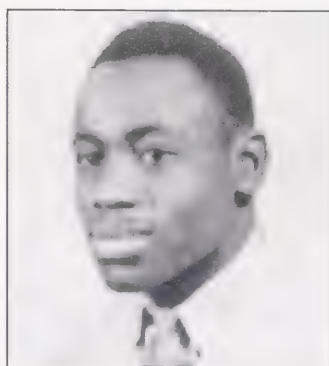
Champ Warlick



Ella Jenkins



Ida Finger



James Dula



Ossie Anthony



Ruby Flowers



Paul Thompson



Louise Brooks



Rossie Killian



Mary Derr



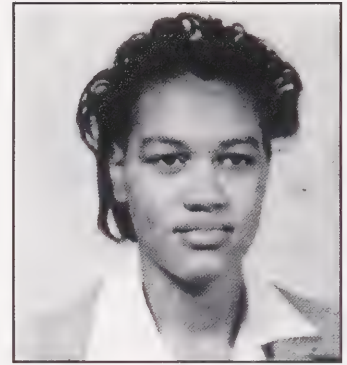
Tendrous Carson



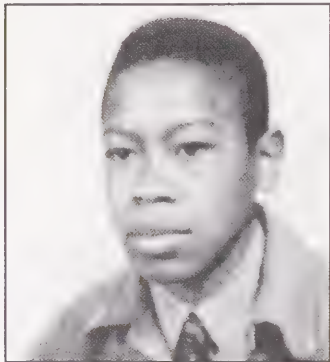
Jaunita Johnson



Donald Dula



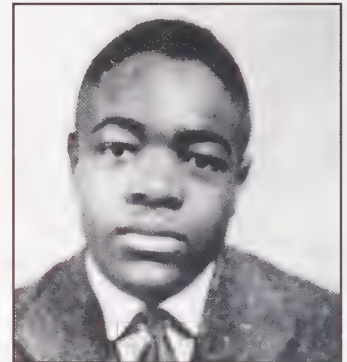
Ruth Hull



James Culbreath



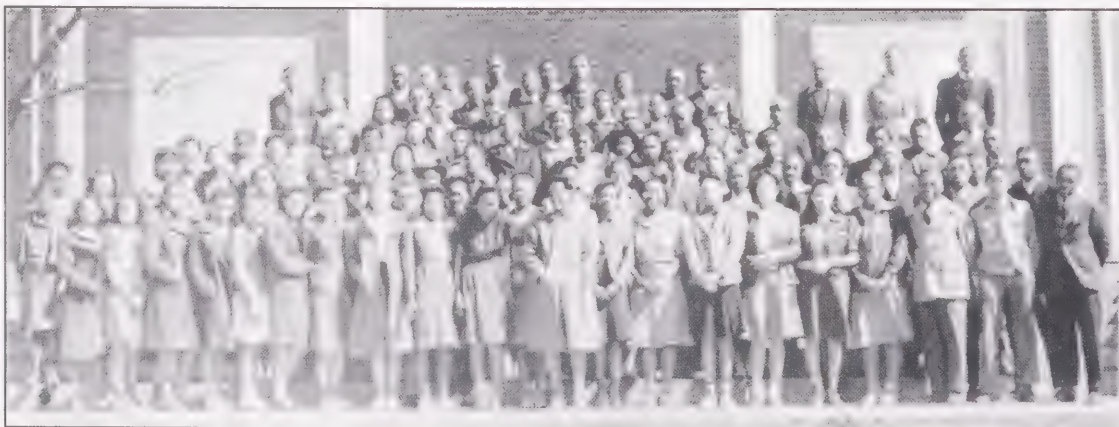
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DRAMATICS



PUBLIC SCHOOL MUSIC

The Junior Class

By CATHERINE DERR

IN the year 1938, the Class of 1942 entered Ridgeview High School as green Freshman. We became a part of the school life very soon. We had three members on the football team and several members in the glee club.

In our second year we elected the following officers: President, Roddy Jenkins; Vice-President, Nina Hooper; Secretary, Mildred Ramseur; and Treasurer, Catherine Derr.

This year the class is very different from the class that entered in 1938. The class officers are President, Benjamin Derr; Vice-President, James Monroe; Secretary, Marie Moore; and Treasurer, Catherine Derr. The members of the class are still active in sports, the Glee Club, Hi-Y, the Girls' Reserve, the Crown and Scepter Club, and other activities. Two of the varsity football players were members of this class. The quarterback in almost all of the games was James Fisher. In basketball, James Fisher had the distinction of being the only Junior on the team.

We, the Juniors, plan to give a banquet in honor of the Seniors on May 16th. We plan to invite the parents of the Juniors and Seniors to enjoy the festivities with us.

When the Crown and Scepter Club was reorganized this year, we found that five members of our class were eligible for membership in this High School Honorary Scholastic Society, as follows: Roddy Jenkins, Lovie Lee Sherrill, Marie Moore, Annie Thompson and Catherine Derr.



The Junior Class

Class of 1942

Class of 1943

The Sophomore Class

By REBECCA FINGER

THE Sophomore Class of 1941 is the largest class in the entire high school. Members of our class may be found taking part in the various activities of the school.

We, the members of the Sophomore Class, realize that in high school the most important thing that we are doing is forming habits. Probably most of us do not realize that the habits which we are forming now will have a serious effect upon the type of persons that we are to be later in life. At the high school age, especially, we are building our characters either good or bad. For this reason we should try to improve our habits in order to form desirable characters. Such things as the way we spend our time, the books we read, and the movies we attend influence our later lives a great deal. If we have the habit of wasting time through putting off until later matters that should be attended to immediately, let us stop to realize that unless we improve such a habit it will be a harmful part of our lives ten, fifteen and twenty years later.



SOPHOMORE CLASS

Class of 1944

The Freshman Class

By BRUCE BLACKBURN

WE are proud of our Freshman Class. Our course of study for the boys includes English, Mathematics, Science and Civics. The course of study for our girls differs from ours, in that the girls take the course in Home Making instead of Civics. Miss E. E. Howze is our instructor in English, and she is teaching us a great deal about the correct forms of English to be used at all times.

We are studying hard, and we are trying to lay a good foundation upon which to build the last three years of our high school training.



FRESHMAN CLASS



SCIENCE CLUB

The Girls Basketball Team

By RUBY FLOWERS, Captain

THE members of our girls' basketball team are Ada Mae Murrill, Florence Culbreath, Gladys Sudderth, Ruby Flowers (Captain), Leola Magness, Mildred Blackburn, Clarissa Sudderth, Celia M. Rhinehardt, Hannah Powell and Ossie Belle Anthony. Miss L. G. Ellis is our Coach.

The past season was a very successful one for us. The highest scorer on our team for this season was Ruby Flowers with 149 points. Leola Magness and Florence Culbreath were outstanding among the forwards. Leola Magness ran Captain Flowers close race with 111 points. Outstanding among the guards were Gladys Sudderth, Ossie Belle Anthony, Celia M. Rhinehardt and Hannah Powell.

Four of our valuable players are looking forward to graduation in June.



GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

The Boys Basketball Team

By PAUL THOMPSON, *Captain*

IT is our opinion that we can modestly take pride in the work of our boys' basketball team, which lost only one game this entire season on the court of our beautiful new Gymnasium. Our team is well equipped with good uniforms and warm-up suits.

On our first team for this year were: Paul Thompson (Captain), Dennis Rendleman (Co-Captain), Thomas Farbrough, Ossie Hill, Tendrous Carson, James Fisher, Gerald Coleman, and George Shuford.

The Western District Basketball Tournament was held at Ridgeview this year with the following schools participating: Freedman High School, Lenoir, N.C.; Lincoln Heights High School, Wilkesboro, N.C.; Catawba High School, Catawba, N.C.; Mocksville High School, Mocksville, N.C.; Huggins High School, Marion, N.C.; Happy Plains High School, Taylorsville, N.C.; and Ridgeview High School, Hickory, N.C.

Ridgeview was defeated by one point by the fast-stepping Happy Plains Warriors of Taylorsville, who won the District Championship.

Mr. H. L. Faggett is our Coach.



BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM



BOYS PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS

The Football Team

By ROSSILEE KILLIAN, *Captain*

THE Ridgeview High School Panthers closed the past season with the highest percentage of victories over a three year period. Speed, speed and more speed was the requirement for those quick opening mouse trap plays of split second timing which took our opponents by surprise.

Our squad this season wrote a new page in football history at Ridgeview. Although we defeated Lenoir, Morganton, Wilkesboro and Newton, our victory over the Happy Plains Warriors of Taylorsville by a score of 86 to 6 carried the highest score by which any Ridgeview team has ever defeated an opponent in the fourteen years of football history at Ridgeview. We share credit for this honor with our Coach, Mr. H. L. Faggett, who preaches the importance of our keeping in good physical condition.

Although we enjoy winning, we feel that the true value of football, as in any other high school sport, comes from meeting new fellows, taking proper care of our physical bodies and practicing good sportsmanship. On our team this year were Theodore Powell, right half; James Fisher, quarterback; Rossilee Killian, fullback; and Andrew Hull, a Freshman who broke through the second string and made the varsity, the only Freshman on the team, at left half. In the line at the ends were the Hill brothers, Ossie and Henry; at the tackles, James Dula and Cecil Bumgarner; at the guards there were Leonard Howell and James Monroe, and, believe me, it was good to have these two guards running interference for you. Last but not least, at center there was Willie Lee Hall. Although each member of the squad contributed in full his share of success of the season, I feel that Ossie Hill at end, James Fisher at quarterback, Willie Lee Hall at center and Cecil Bumgarner at tackle deserves special mention.



THE FOOTBALL SQUAD

Class of 1940

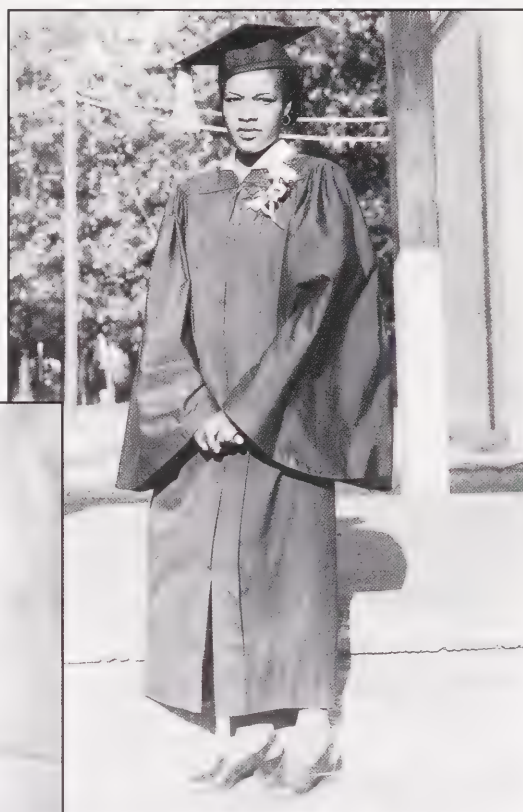


The Class of 1944

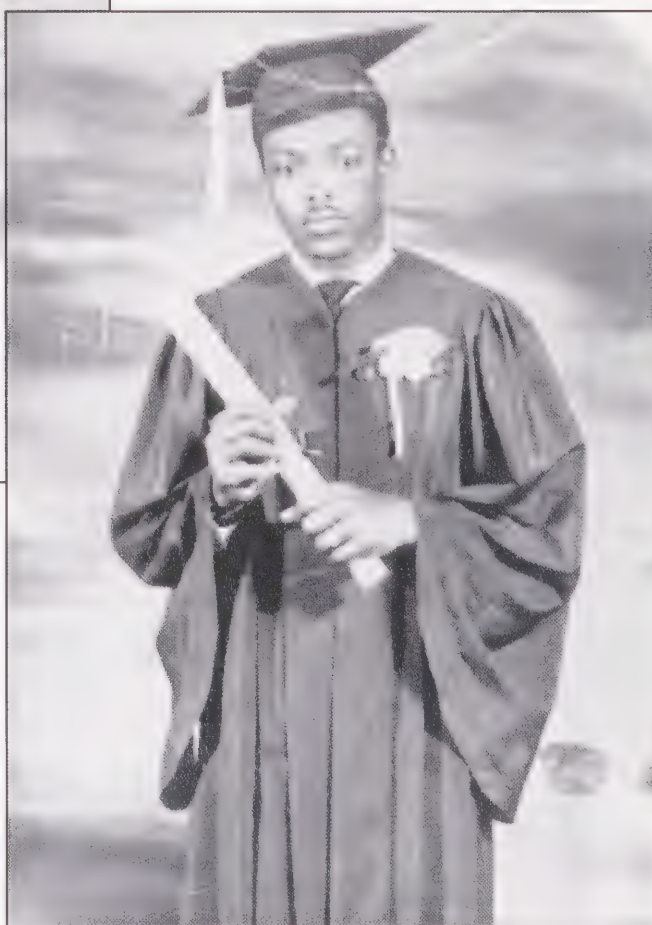


Front Row: Hazel Baringer, Sid Rhinehardt, Florance Culbreath, Carl Sudderth, Rebecca Finger, Noa Bost, Mary Dula Bost, C. Brown, Molly Curry. *Second Row:* Clady Owenby-Jolly, Andrew Hull, Boyd Patterson, Richard Longerier, Harry Lee Hoover, Jr., J. J. Conner. *Third Row:* Gerald Coleman, Robert Broome, Bill Ramseur, June Killian, Lawrence Harold

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Jimmie Lee Jones
(1945)



Mary Jo Brown



Richard Longrier
(1944)

The Class of 1949

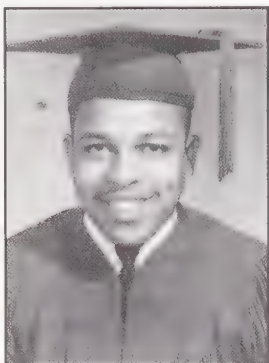


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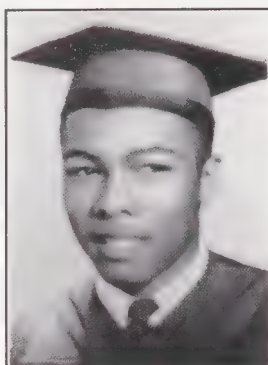
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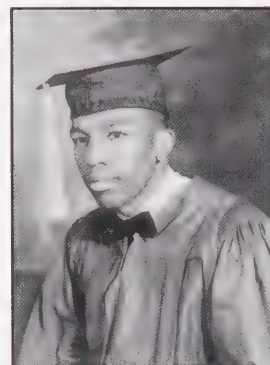




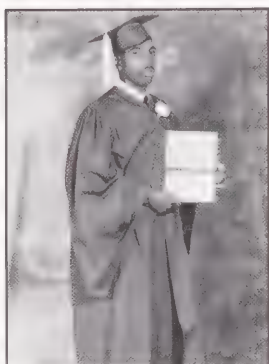
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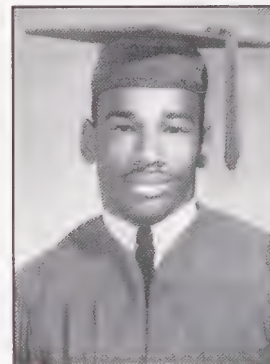
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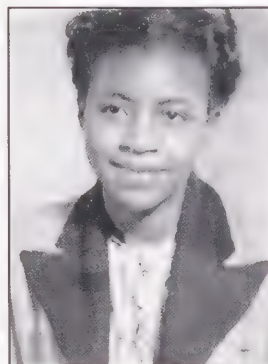
Altha Hargrove



Frank Derr



Minnie Hargrove



Mary Dula



Betty Giles (r) & Friend



Jessica Morrison



Betty Ramseur



Van Crutchfield



Anita Kissler



James Childs

Home Economics Class - 1956



Olivia Morrison, Virginia Peterson, Gloria-Jane
Peggy Setzer, Sandra Finger, Doris Forney
Mascenia Brown, Margaret Pope

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May Day Court - 1954



The Class of 1960





Jessup Melvin



Mary J. Brown



Edward Clay



Ellis Johnson



Boy Scouts



Front Row: Burrell Brown, Alan Hart, Stuart Broome, Thomas Suddereth, Eli Williams, Richard Williams. *Second Row:* Steve James, Billy Abernethy, Everett Carson, Edward Clay, Walter Culbreath, Charles Dula. *Third Row:* Nathanian Jett, David Slacks, Floyd Culbreath, Joseph Collins, Don Simms, Vincent James, Charles Streeter, Richard Hodge, James Freeman

Home Economics Class



14 Children Give Thanks At Ridgeview Day Nursery For Benefits Offered Them

By HELEN ROSS

Fourteen little dark heads bowed; fourteen pairs of hands were tightly clasped under chins, and as one little boy, whose brown eyes sparkled with satisfaction when he raised his head, led, the others followed with a prayer of thanks for an afternoon snack of crackers and milk.

That was the scene at the Ridgeview Day Nursery Thursday afternoon about three o'clock. The same scene is carried out every afternoon when the children get up from their afternoon naps.

Mrs. Evelyn Barnes, a teacher, stands at the head of one of the tables and Mrs. Lucy Hall, the supervisor, stands at the head of the other to see that each head is properly bowed, all hands are properly clasped.

Actually nineteen Negro children of Hickory are enrolled at the school, but four were absent for one reason or another Thursday.

Club Project

The school has accommodations for twenty-five children, but has not as yet reached its capacity. Mrs. Hall is anxious that the full twenty-five children be enrolled as soon as possible, and said this week that she expected to accomplish this goal before many more months.

The nursery idea was the brain child of the Junior Women's club who equipped it and got it started back in May of this year. Its purpose was to provide a place for small children to stay so that mothers might work and also to make it possible or older children to attend school, who otherwise might have

been required to stay at home with smaller brothers and sisters. After it was equipped at a cost of about \$1,500, the Hickory Service League took it over as a permanent project for operation.

Recently, the nursery, along with three other day-care schools in Hickory was licensed by the State Board of Welfare. Others who have been licensed within the past six months are the schools of Mrs. Annie Brandy and Mrs. Ralph Robinson, and another colored school, that of Mrs. Addie Berry.

The Ridgeview nursery takes care of the largest number of children during the day's time, and is the only one of the three which is not self-supporting. The others are privately owned and operated.

Pays Salary Of Two

The Service League employs Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Barnes, paying them salaries. All money collected for the care of the children is turned over to the League each week and is dispensed by the League. But this far, the League has had to subsidize operation of the school, because income does not meet the outgo. Mrs. Hall is most anxious to put the school on a pay-as-you go basis, and thinks that the addition of a few more children could probably put that goal in sight.

Funds with which to supplement the nursery income are secured from the League's operation of the Thrift Shop.

There were ten children enrolled when the nursery opened for operation in the basement of the Zion Methodist Church, which is provided at no cost.

The Junior Woman's club painted, renovated, equipped the big room and the kitchen and saw that the nursery was properly started on its course. Then the Service League took over from there.

The children are from two to six years of age, and a special effort is being made to give them pride in their personal appearance and in their surroundings, Mrs. Hall said.

Warm, Clean

The basement, was warm and clean with bright pictures on the walls, and there were charts hanging here and there giving evidence that an effort is also being made to give the little folks some preparation for their coming school days. Nineteen freshly made little cots lined the walls, with blankets folded neatly at the foot. Lockers were neatly hung with coats and caps.

The boys outnumber the girls at the Ridgeview school. There are fifteen boys and only four girls. But the girls hold their own, their teachers said.

No more than the ordinary disciplinary problems are encountered during the course of a day, Mrs. Hall said, although she admitted that she never knows what to expect from day to day.

"Some of these children have stayed in the backyards and streets for along time," she pointed out. "When they've done that it becomes a part of them, and that's a problem we have to work with."

"Lots of them don't even get love," she said, too. "If we can teach a child to love somebody else and he can know that somebody loves him, we can do a lot with him."

Organizes Club

Sometimes one of the children shows up at the nursery inadequately dressed.

"Then," said Mrs. Hall, herself the mother of three children - all grown, "I beg, borrow and steal to get the rights clothes on him."

She has recently organized a Mothers club, among the mothers of the children who go to the nursery, and through this medium she hopes to, by various projects, raise some money with which small items needed at the nursery can be purchased.

"These ladies," she said, "have been so very kind in setting up the nursery and carrying this thing to far. I hate to keep running to them asking for every little thing."

The children have a morning snack and a noon meal. And each morning they have devotions, and stories are read to them. They color, play games and build with blocks. Generally they are well behaved, and their genial supervisor says she finds a great deal of satisfaction in working with them and in feeling that she and her co-worker are contributing and possible influencing to some degree the young lives in their charge from 7:30 o'clock each morning until five o'clock each afternoon.

All day nurseries which keep children more than four hours a day must be licensed by the State Department of Welfare and are checked periodically by a representative from Raleigh.



Ridgeview Day Nursery
(1953) Teachers: Lucy Hall (left) and Evelyn Barnes

Funds Allotted Ridgeview Will Have Big Job To Do

By ED MARTIN

Funds totaling slightly over \$100,000, which is the Hickory school system's estimated share of the second \$25 million State school bond funds, have been earmarked by the local school board for the new high school addition to the Ridgeview school here.

Even a quick survey of the building plant there leaves doubt that this will be sufficient to meet the immediate needs of the school, much less those anticipated for the next few years.

Children are presently occupying overheated, substandard cellar rooms: overcrowded classrooms are the rule rather than the exception; and a number of important facilities, such as adequate toilet rooms, and a library for the elementary school children are missing.

Survey In February

A survey made by a group of State educators in February of this year pointed up the need for the new high school addition here with new facilities for library, home economics, science, business education and music, to which the principal, Taft Broome, has added a request for a math room and an English room for a total of eight new classrooms.

If this was done immediately, the four classrooms that the high school students are occupying would be freed for use by the elementary school, and the library would also be available for the elementary school. But this would still not be sufficient to do anything other than move four classes out of undesirable spaces.

A primary grade now holds class in the shop classroom, and must compete with noises of the adjacent vocational shop all day long.

Two other classes are taught in basement rooms with cement floors and poor heating, and which can be entered only through an outside entrance.

A fourth class is conducted in a cellar room, with foundation posts in plain view down the center of the room, exposed water pipes overhead, and inadequate lighting and heat.

Used Constantly

The need for all eight rooms in the High school addition was pointed up by Mr. Broome when he explained that classes are presently being held in the library; that the science room, which doubles as a laboratory and a classroom, is in use at all times; and that band, choral and general music instruction must be conducted in the gymnasium and the uniforms and instruments stored in the gymnasium dressing rooms.

Renovations at Ridgeview in the past year have improved to some extent two basement classrooms, and installed a new roof. An additional acre and a half of playground area and room for future expansion

was also acquired in the past year. The vocational shop and the cafeteria-kitchen both of which are considered more than adequate, were completed in 1952.

That the release of four classrooms by the high school for elementary school use will do little more than scratch the surface of the Ridgeview school needs, and will make no provisions for the future, can be seen in the size of the present classrooms.

There are forty-eight and forty-nine students in the two First Grade classrooms, although the State average classroom load is thirty-two, and the local school system's average load is only twenty-eight.

There are fifty-five students in one room of the Second Grade: thirty-two and thirty-four in Third grade rooms, and so on, with an Eight grade of forty-two pupils.

Others Better

The situation of the East Hickory school, the local system's other elementary Negro school, is not as bad as at Ridgeview. Although there is need for an entirely new heating plant at that school, the four classrooms have an enrollment of ninety-five children, and can easily handle any anticipated expansion for the next few years.

With an anticipated enrollment gain of about twenty pupils per year, almost a whole new classroom, and teacher, will be added each year at the Ridgeview school. Therefore, if the proposed high school addition of eight rooms—if they can be built for the estimated \$100,000—were to suddenly appear on the ground east of the present school, all standard classrooms would be filled immediately.

Three to four years from now, the crowded situations would exist in almost exactly the same way as they are today, and the substandard basement rooms would be needed again.

Then, too, as Mr. Broome points out, there is no telling when the local system will receive its share of the State school bond funds, and it must be on hand before any building can begin.

When will that be?

There's no telling, Mr. Broome declares, with the unspoken prayer that it won't be too far in the future.

A Brief History of the Ridgeview Library

...This branch was set up September 17, 1940 under a WPA grant by Miss Grace Patrick, Mrs. Spurgeon Young, Miss Martha Troutman, and Miss Nellie Corpening. Known originally as the Twelfth Street Branch library, the branch was first located in a building owned by Norwood Patterson. Rent was paid by local church groups.

Since the time of its beginning, except for a period from April 1941 until September 1942, the branch library (operated) continuously. After WPA aid ceased, the facility was stocked with books from the main Hickory library, from Lenoir-Rhyne college, and from private sources.

In 1943 Miss Marie Faggett was in charge of the library during the summer months, and in September of that year Miss Menzies Henderson was placed in charge and served until December 1963, when she retired, and was succeeded by Mrs. Naomi Killian, who retired in December 1993.

Interest in the branch library continued until books and magazines taxed the capacity of the small quarters. On July 18, 1946, the contents of the library was moved from the Patterson building into the basement of St. Paul AME Zion church.

Also in 1946, the Hickory Altrusa club began a project which was to culminate in an attractive structure to house the (library). The club voted to make the enlargement and improvement of the branch library its main project for the year. At Christmas time a donation of 333 volumes of books were made by club members. Members of the club organized a drive to raise \$10,000 for the construction of the building.

George E. Ivey, who sponsored the Hickory library, purchased a lot at First street and Seventh avenue SW and deeded it to the city of Hickory as a site for the proposed library. The Altrusa club pledged \$1,000 and Ridgeview citizens, under the leadership of enthusiastic men and women raised a thousand dollars. The remainder of the needed funds was contributed by Hickory civic clubs, firms and individuals under sponsorship of the Altrusa club. The Altrusa library project began during the presidency of Mrs. James E. Gaither and was completed a year later during the presidency of Mrs. Karl W. Broome.

Work on the attractive building was supervised by an Altrusan committee under the direction of Mrs. Bobbie Landis of the Crouch Lumber Company. The grading of the grounds and planting of shrubbery, donated by the Howard Hickory Nursery, was done under the supervision of Bergin Finger. Upon its completion, the books were moved from quarters on old Thirteenth Street into the new library.

Mrs. Kathryn Whitener, an Altrusan member, was chairman of the hospitality committee for the library's formal opening in 1951, with an attendance of approximately 600 people. The new Ridgeview Public Library was opened in January 1951. Currently, Mrs. Eloise Rose is in charge of the library. She began her position in January, 1994.

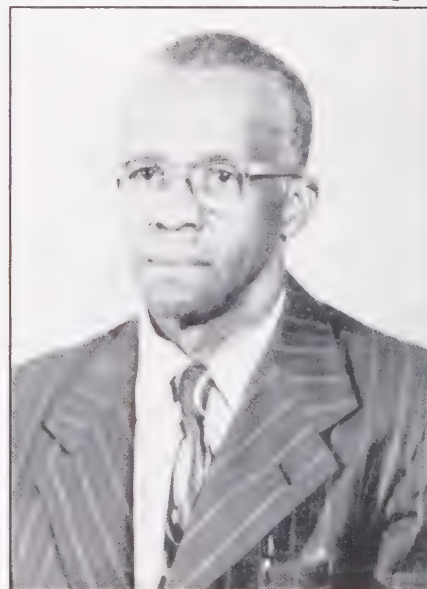
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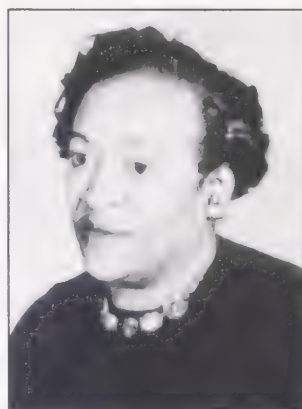
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Ridgeview Teacher Favors Placing Greater Emphasis Upon Elementary Science

By DAVID COTTRELL

"Elementary science in grade school should have more emphasis placed upon it," could well be an excellent summary of Miss Marie Geneva Poston's philosophy of teaching.

Miss Poston, popular Third grade teacher at Ridgeview, carries out this idea in her classroom teaching. She displayed a working model of a string of street lights wired to a battery. This was made, she said, by a boy who can not read. Also, she showed an excellent poster drawn by a girl who could do very little reading.

"In all my teaching I have found that there is not what you call a dumb child, but there are some that are slow," said the open minded woman.

Working Models

Miss Poston's classroom is filled with many charts, posters, working models, and experiments, all made by pupils. All their work is on the theme "Things About Us" the interesting teacher explained as she pointed out several examples.

"As the children become interested, they begin to bring in things we can use," related the resourceful woman.

On the table were several magnets which are used in various experiments. The ss has not bought any magnets so far this year. The pupils have found them and brought them to school.

All the science study the class does runs parallel to the other subjects as English, reading, spelling, and history.

"For instance, our present project, the study of some of the simpler star constellations, was suggested by the reading lesson."

The group followed up the idea by studying some of the larger constellations, and has gone on a stargazing trip

to carry out their study in class.

Natural Inclination

Miss Poston's natural scientific inclination presented itself early in life when she wanted to be a nurse.

"But my mother thought I was too young," said the teacher, "so I decided on teaching."

After completing her High school education at Fayetteville she set her sights on Hampton Institute at Hampton, Va. Miss Poston graduated from there with a degree of Bachelor of Science. Going further with her education, Miss Poston entered Columbia University at New York City.

In 1948 she completed the required amount of work and received her Master's degree.

When asked why she chose the Third grade, she explained, "I practice-taught every grade from the First to the Eighth. Somehow I like the Third grade post, and I stayed with it."

Not Through Yet

However, Miss Poston has by no means completed her education. She attended summer school and now has 21 hours over her Master's degree. Last summer the energetic teacher attended a workshop under Dr. G. S. Craig. Miss Poston was asked by Dr. Craig to assist him in various demonstrations, and he used several snapshots of her classroom in his teaching. Dr. Craig congratulated Miss Poston on her research paper, and on the excellent job she is doing with her teaching.

"Coming from him, that was a big compliment," she laughed.

Miss Poston carries on her work with young people even outside of school. She organized the first Cub Scout troop at Ridgeview. Now she helps to

keep the organization moving ahead and acts as a den mother when one is needed.

When asked what she does with her spare time, she replied, "I like to go to the movies and read."

Miss Poston's scientific attitude is an influence even in her choice of books. As a true scientist like to discover for himself, so this teacher, when she hears different opinions of a book, reads it in order to form her own idea.

"Also, I like to read books about nurses and doctors, as nursing was my first choice," she related.

The teacher stated that she had a change to go into hospital work last summer when a hospital in New York issued a call for more nurses.

Likes Teaching

"But I like teaching school and someday I hope to be mainly an elementary science teacher," she stated.

Miss Poston is not the only member of her family who chose the professional road for a career. There were six children in the family, three boys and three girls. One of the girls carried out Miss Poston's first ambition and became a nurse. She is now living in New York and is a nurse at the Jewish hospital there.

Another sister moved to Pittsburgh, Pa., where she was formerly a school teacher. The third sister now lives with her family in New York, where she is very active in church work. She teaches a Sunday school class and plays the piano for the group.

"Also one of my brothers was a concert singer," she added proudly.

However, he was stricken while singing tenor in "Lost in the Stars," which was being presented at Concert Center in New York, and died shortly afterwards.



Miss Poston came to Hickory after graduating from Columbia, where the placement committee informed her there was an opening for a teacher. She now resides at 247 Sixteenth Avenue, SW.

Lives With Mother

"But I maintain my home in Cheraw, where my mother is still living," she said, "and I go there at least once every month."

When at home, she related, she sometimes teaches and plays the piano for her Sunday school class at the Baptist church.

The modest teacher said that she has not done much traveling. But upon further inquiry it was found that she lived in Florida for a few summers, has been to New York and Pittsburgh, and most of the points of interest between here and there.

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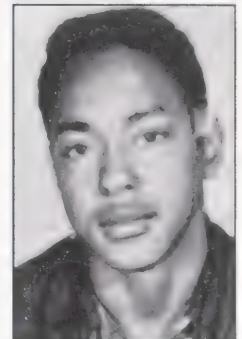


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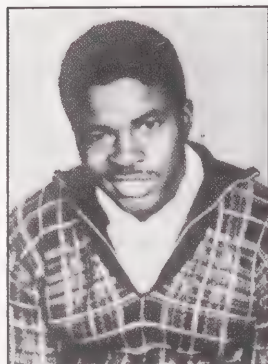


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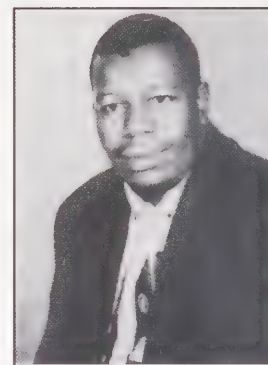
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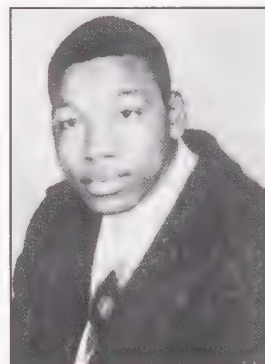
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Joyce Rankin



Billy Rose



Bobby Rowe



Leonard Saddler



Billy Sudderth



Best Looking



Most Studious



Best Dressed



Cutest



Most Athletic



Most Likely
to Succeed



Most Popular



Most Conceited



Class Pest



Funniest



Best All-Around



Neatest



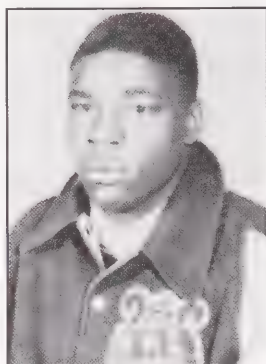
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Cool Kid

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Nancy Chambers



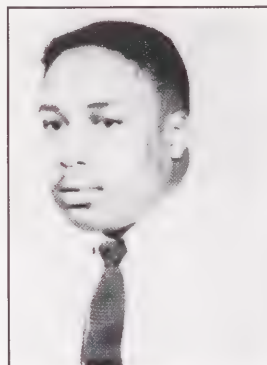
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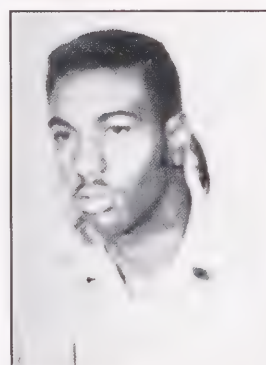
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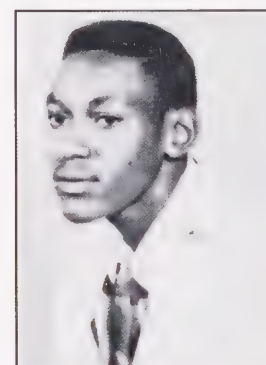
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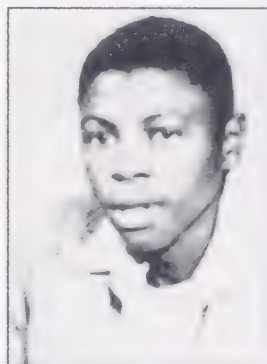
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JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

SOPHOMORES

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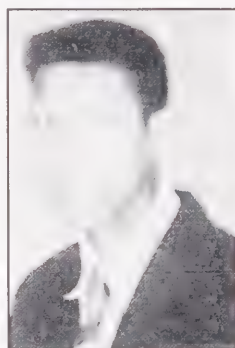
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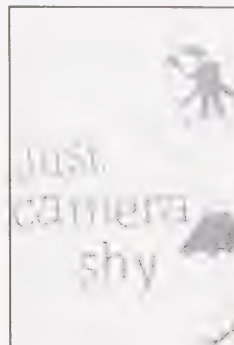
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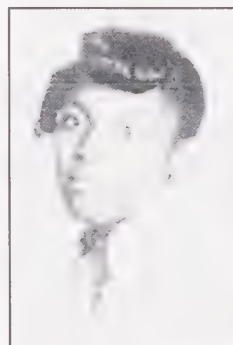
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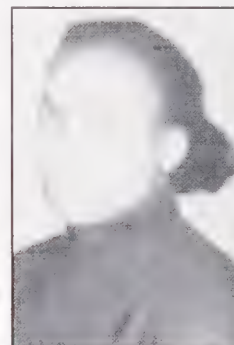
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Virginia Lee



Mary Little



Aleen Longcrier



Cozette Patterson



Doris Ramseur



Yvonne Setzer



Shirley Sherrill



Maggie Williams

FRESHMEN

(1956)



Mrs. A.D. Jones - 9th Grade: Martha Barnes, Thomas Blackburn, Ruby Burch, Christine Byrd, Jack Carter, Paul Carter, Walter Childs, Dorothy Curry, Edward Dula, Joseph Dula, Dorothy Finger, William Finger, Geraldine Gore, Betty Green, J.C. Grier, Nathaniel Hough, Maxine Jenkins, George Johnson, Henry Jones, Clifford King, Charles Mackey, Eugene McCorkle, Conchita Milligan, Gloria Milligan, Mary Neal, Fay Ramseur, William Primus, Wilbert Roland, Minnie Rowe, Juanita Shuford, Ruby Shuford, Marshall Sudderth, Robert Warlick. Not shown on picture are James Allred, Eugene Barringer, Charles Blackburn, Richard Blackburn, Joseph Brown, Sherry Grimes, Herbert Morrison, Willie Pope, Lonnie Preston, Delois Reid, Larry Scott, Sherry Shade.

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Mr. William R. Robinson - Grade 8: Claude Audrey, Taft Broome, Ozzie Clay, Matthew Davis, Charles Holloway, James Holloway, Billy Hull, Samuel Hunt, William James, Nathaniel Jennings, Nathaniel Jett, Willie Johnson, Nathaniel Scott, Charles Streeter, Robert Turner, Floyd Culberth, Barbara Abernathy, Elizabeth Blackburn, Ida Blair, Virginia Brown, Sylvia Coats, Joyce Dukes, Nancy Kimball, Flossie Waller. Not shown are: David Anderson, Robert Connor, Joseph Hall, George Jones, William Newman, Dorothy Wilfong.



Mr. D.E. Forney - Grade 7-8: Kenneth Brown, Charles Fambrough, Willie Flowers, Bobby Hill, Arnold Houston, Bobby Killian, Dorothy Bumgarner, Eleanor Hester, Betty Hill, Rosie McClain, Peggy Parks, Mary Alice Primus, Linda Rankin, Shirline Roland, Fred Campbell, Katharine Hill, Shirley Johnson, Marlene Johnston, Gale Morrison, Alice Roland, Zelma Oneal Shuford, Thomas McClain, John Parson, Joe Louis Ranklin, George Roland, Linda Baker, Dora Campbell. Not shown are: Frances Brown, James Alexander, Bobby Griffith.



Mrs. M.M. Fuller - Grade 7: Judy Abernathy, William Abernathy, Joyce Burke, Norris Byrd, Willie Byrd, Evelyn Carlton, Mary Carson, Joseph Collings, Betty Coats, Hazel Davis, James Davis, Edna Frederick, Jerry Griggs, Jimmie Haynes, Allen Hart, Richard Hodge, Arma Hunt, Mary James, Steven James, Vincent James, James Johnson, Elish Powell, Nathaniel Powell, Pauline Powell, Rutha Powell, Robert Powell, Tommy Propst, Jessie Tink, Hazel Rodgers, Linda Rogers, Annie Roseboro, Betty Scott, Clyde Shade, Melvin Shade, Bessie Setzer, James Setzer, Carolyn Sherrill, Thomas Sudderth, Ernest Thompson, Steve Thompson, Jessie White, Eli Williams, Jr., Ellen Word, Edna Kay Young, Annette Ramseur, David Slacks, Emma Ruth Hector, Donnie Bonds, Anthony Morrison.



Mr. S.W. Davis - Grade 6: Charles Bost, Wilbert Brown, Kenneth Carter, Edward Clay, James Coviner, James Gabriel, Earnest Goodson, Leroy Hall, Douglas Jennings, Tony Killians, Earnest Powell, Melvin Propst, Amos Saddler, Edward Smith, John Streeter, Cathen Maddox, Carolyn Anthony, Sue Carson, Phyllis Finger, Lena Guy, Nadine Hull, Margie James, Nathaleen Jett, Beatrice Johnson, Ruby Oglesby, Virginia Peterson, Louise Reid, Patricia Thompson, Pearl Turner, Clara White, Betty J. Wilson, Barbara Withers.

(1956)



Mr. E. T. Moore - Grade 5-6: James Primus, Donald Williams, Walter Flowers, Bobby Thomspen, James Childs, Donald Bumgarner, Thomas Holland, Calvin Burch, Charles Odom, Burrell Brown, Thomas Childs, Virginia Taylor, Juanita Griffith, Betty Jo Odom, Dourlyn Holland, Danne Flowers, Mertice Hoover.



Miss W.M. Robinson - Grade 5-6: Edward Anderson, Martha Burrell, Henry Chapman, Richard Davis, Patricia Finger, Nathaniel Foster, Ethel Gibson, Martha Hall, Martha Horton, Jewell Hector, Harold Jennings, Willie McKnight, James Morrison, Maxine Shuford, Joy Smith, Judy Thompson, Carolyn Barnes, Patsy Blackburn, Doris Blair, Eleanor Brown, Jannie Carson, William Connley, Doris Forney, Rudolph Hoyle, Charles Hunt, Jacqueline Johnson, Geraldine Pope, Donald Sims.

(1956)



Miss R.A. Gaston - Grade 5: Gleen Anthony, Stuart Broome, Kenneth Carson, Harold Chapman, Leonard Clay, George Connor, Everett Carson, Albert Crocket, Charles Dula, Willie Freeman, James Kimball, Franklin McKnight, George Pope, Charles Saddler, Calvin Sharpe, John Shullman, Jimmy Turner, Richard Williams, Carolyn Carlton, Jacqueline Connor, Francis Gore, Willie Holloway, Patricia Horton, Carolyn Johnson, Arita Kissler, Shirley Robinson, Alma Sudderth, Martha Wilkins, Jeannette Young, Jerome Young.



Mrs. M.S. Mitchell - Grade 4: Henry Allen, Gloria Barnes, Nelson Brockenborough, Joseph Burke, Franklin Derr, Truman Dukes, Ellen Dula, Alice Flowers, Shirley Hunt, Gloria James, Earnestine Jett, Forney Johnson, Killa Lutz, James Pearson, Margaret Ann Pope, Willette Ramseur, Edward Rogers, Peggy Setzer, Dorothy Shade, Richard Shade, Juanita Shuford, Margaret Suratt, Nareen Walton, Sallie Warlick, Brenda Warren, Doris Williams, Robert Dula, Johnny Propst.

(1956)



Miss M. G. Poston - Grade 3: Pamela Grier, Daisy Wright, Francis Wilfong, Linda Clay, Janet Burke, Patricia Killian, Lucille Carter, Joyce Pope, Janice Bieldman, Betty Johnson, Dorothy Thompson, Harrison James, Tillis Rendleman, Xenophone Lutz, John Hodge, Franklin Wilfong, Sterling Lutz, Ralph Connely, Charles Abernethy, Lawyer Chapman, Donald Shuford, James Thompson, Danny Wilson, A.B. McCorkle, Joe Blackburn, Mary Smith. Not shown are: Louis Patterson, Betty Turner, Lillian Shuford, Brenda Sims, Jimmy Jones, Jesse Ruff, Dorothy Ramseur, Oscar Manson.



Mrs. Dorothy Patterson - Grade 2B: Ralph Brown, Detroit Rhyne, Alframa Blackburn, Judy Dula, Robert Setzer, Richard Ramseur, Albert Turner, Joyce Smith, Betty Ramseur, Johnny Dula, Vickie Wilfong, Felicia Sharrill, Lewis Colins, Barbara Saddler, Etta Dula, Ann Turner, Linda Hill, Annie Smith, Willie Sudderth, Robert Hoyle, Ronnie Harold, Authur McKnight, Linda Williams, Janice Bieldman, Ravona Brown, Edgar Blackburn, Earl Wilson, Hurley Robinson, J.A. Clark, Nathaniel Gore.

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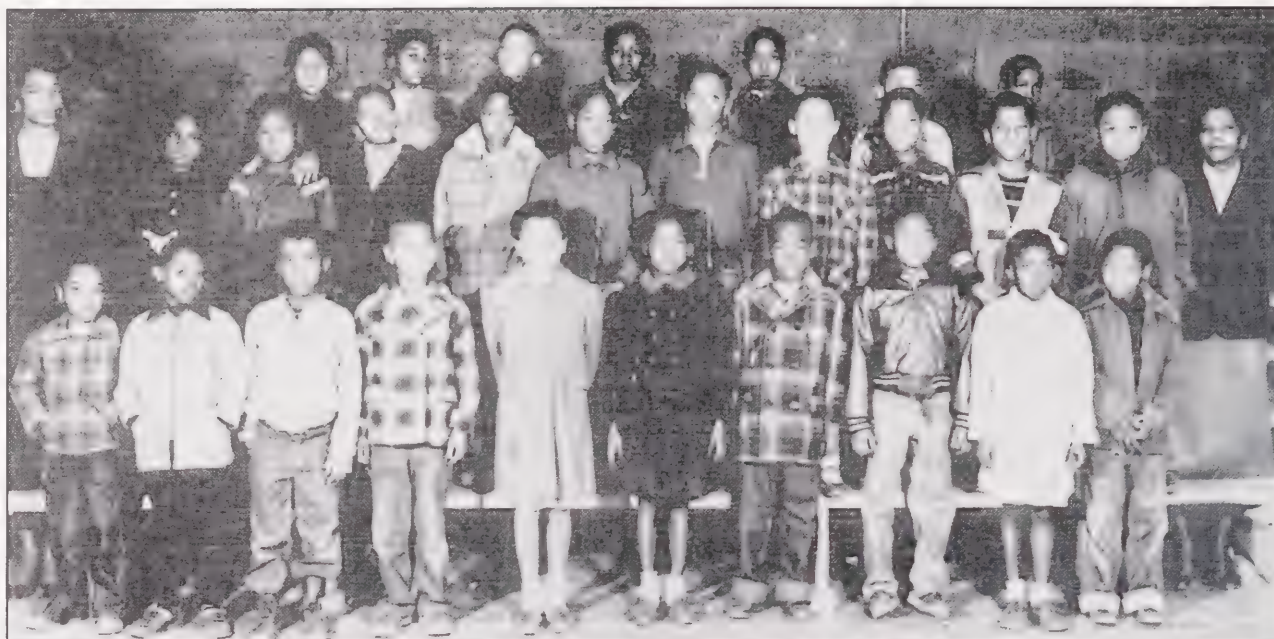


Miss M.L. Harris - Grade 2A: Eugene Abernethy, Aaron Barnes, Dannie Carter, Hampton Davis, Jerry Johnson, Barry Jolly, Coleman Lewis, Linda Abernethy, Shirley Brown, June Burke, Patricia Coats, Aljuana Curry, Gloria Derr, Barbara Eckard, Dorothy Gaither, Virgie Harshaw, Dianne Hunter, Lavalette Jackson, Mary Jett, Vernnia Jennings, Ann Little, Tommie Peterson, Lillian Ramseur, Jacqueline Rendleman, Kattie Roberts, Mattie Robinson, Muriel Sharpe, Revanda Wilfong, Ruby Wright. Not shown: William Hunt, Janice Lutz, Patricia Connor, Ethel Hector.



Miss Portia Derr - Grade 1-2: LaVerne Brown, Linda Connor, Rosetta Connor, Danny Flowers, Alice Fuller, Linda Harbison, Melvin Hoover, Alfred Hull, Allen Hull, Sandra Jones, Essie McClain, William Sales, Charles Taylor, Bernice Thompson, Elbert Williams, Lily White, Pamela White, Rosanna Alexander, Anthony Parks, Ethel Fambrough, Ruth Odom, Louella Parsons, James Roland, Charles Thompson, Ronzylie White, Lila Allred, Alan Burch, William Fambrough, Terry Flowers, William Holland, Dena Huitt, Kay King, Brenda Michaux, Ollie Parks, Jr., Joann Roland, Larry Williams, Carrie White

(1956)



Mrs. O. M. Evans - Grade 1-2: Robert Allen, Steven Freeman, Louis Haynes, Willie Haynes, Allen Hunter, Hubert James, Albert Little, Clifford Pinkston, Charles Redman, Eugene Scott, Johnny Scott, Harold Smith, John Walton, Harvey Jones, Janice Abernathy, Sylvester Allen, Sally Frederick, Willie M. Gurthrie, Elaine Haynes, Barbara Manson, Brenda Thompson, Ada Whitworth, Martha Wilson.



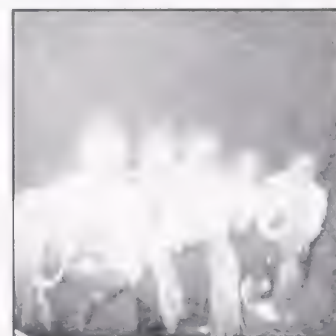
Mrs. J.R. Bennett - Grade 1A: Robert Abernathy, Willie Boyd, Roosevelt Corpening, Jimmie Gaither, Eugene Harold, Clarence Hunt, Ronald McKnight, Thomas McCorkle, Richard Ramseur, Jimmy Shade, Ervin Sherrill, Bobby Shuford, David Shuford, James Tillman, Naomi Blair, Belinda Derr, Joyce Dula, Shelia Dula, Barbara Kissler, Irene Mull, Brenda McCombers, Eumilla Powell, Linda Ramseur, Carolyn Scott, Veleria Smith, Jacqueline Thompson, Martha Turner, Betty Young, Barbara Wright, Nancy Wilfong, Christine Wilson, Louica Boyd.

(1956)



Mrs. M.B. Avery - Grade 1B: Bobby Bivens, Carrol Carter, McDonald Foster, Otis Hector, Jr., Lawrence Murriel, William Pope, Jr., Franklin Propst, Hurley Rose, Curtis Shy, Robert Sims, Bobby Smith, John Thompson, Jr., Glenn Wilfong, Jr., Toney Wilson, Gloria Thompson, Priscilla Ussery, Paulette Abernethy, Janie Connor, Lelatha Culbreath, Charlene Gore, Doris Hunt, Teresa Jackson, Dorothy Jones, Jovita Couslar, Carolyn Killian, Judy Propst, Juantia Smith, Tandye Thomas, Deborah Thompson, Catherine Williams, Betty Williams.

HOMECOMING 1956



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GLEE CLUB



BAND

COACHES CAPTAIN

(1956)



Coach Samuel W. "Jap" Davis, Captain Bobby Rowe, Coach Burrell P. Brown, Jr.

Charles Rice	30	Junior	Center
Lonnie Preston	14	Freshman	Halfback
Curtis Davis	16	Junior	Tackle
Marshall Sudderth	11	Freshman	End
Billy Sudderth	17	Senior	Center
Charles Williams	28	Junior	Halfback
Walter Childs	23	Freshman	Guard
Ralph Childs	18	Junior	Tackle
George Oglesby	29	Junior	Fullback
Robert Pope	19	Junior	End
Cesar Frederick	26	Junior	Halfback
George Johnson	21	Freshman	Halfback
William Finger	10	Freshman	End
Luther Finger	13	Senior	End
Wallace Dula	15	Junior	Guard
Bobby Rowe	27	Senior	Quarterback
Dennie Abernathy	12	Junior	End
Melvyn Connor	22	Senior	Fullback
Ivey Dula	25	Sophomore	Guard
James Conley	31	Sophomore	Tackle
Napoleon Burch	24	Senior	Halfback
			(not pictured)

(1956)



Coaches - S.W. Davis and Burrell P. Brown

Bobby Rowe	Senior	99	Forward
Billy Sudderth	Senior	77	Forward
Melvin Connor	Senior	88	Guard
Richard Davis	Junior	66	Forward
Charles Rice	Junior	33	Guard
Bobby Warlick	Freshman	11	Forward
Thomas Smith	Junior	55	Forward
Charles Williams	Junior	00	Forward
Paul Carter	Freshman	55	Forward
Marshall Sudderth	Freshman	99	Guard
George Johnson	Freshman	39	Forward
Caesar Frederick	Junior	44	Forward
Willie Pope	Freshman	66	Guard
Edward Dula	Freshman	77	Guard
Kenneth McCorkle	Sophomore	33	Guard
Douglas Gaston	Sophomore	22	Guard

1954 Season Records (NWAC)

	Won	Lost
Conference Record	15	0
Tournament Record	5	1
Overall Record	21	4

Note: Ridgeview athletic teams are members of the N.C. Negro High School Athletic Association.

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Coaches - Miss Minnie Harris and Burrell P. Brown

Willie Pope	Junior	4	Guard
Yvonne Setzer	Sophomore	12	Guard
Fay Ramseur	Freshman	6	Forward
Dorothy Scott	Junior	9	Forward
Jessie Collins	Junior	11	Forward
Betty Hull	Sophomore	10	Guard
Alice Hull	Junior	10	Forward
Joyce Rankin	Senior	8	Forward
Mary Neal	Freshman	1	Guard
Ruby Burch	Freshman	2	Forward
Betty Greene	Freshman	9	Forward
Minnie Rowe	Freshman	3	Forward
Cozette Johnson	Junior	2	Forward
Cozette Patterson	Sophomore	3	Forward
Maggie Williams	Sophomore	8	Guard
Bernice Johnston	Junior	5	Guard
Virginia Lee	Sophomore	7	Guard

1954 Season Records (NWAC)

	Won	Lost
Conference Record	15	2
Tournament Record	2	1
Overall Record	17	3

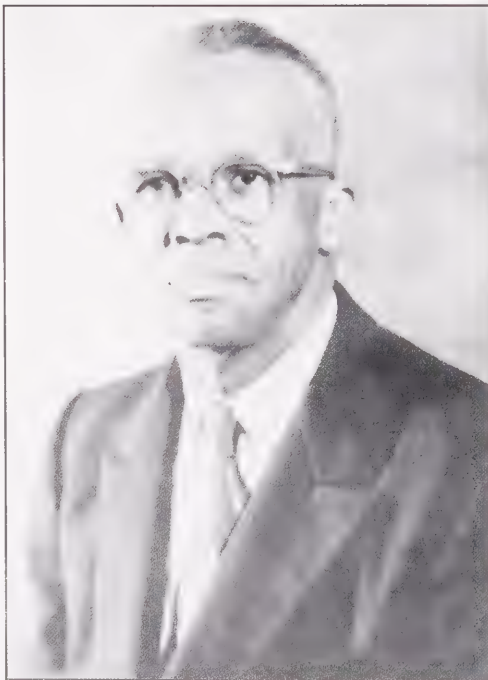
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RIDGEVIEW - 1959



Mr. Taft H. Broome
Principal

Mr. James C. Killian
Assistant Principal



Mr. E.T. Moore

To a man of great social standing who has served well as an assistant principal, who is a major factor of the Boy Scouts Program, and is respected as an outstanding citizen for his patience, consideration for others, and his faithfulness to his religious duties - we, the student body of Ridgeview High School dedicate this annual in the honor of Mr. E. T. Moore.

ANNUAL STAFF

(1959)



Mrs. S.K. McRae
Sponsor



Walter Childs



Charles McKey



Marshall Sudderth



Irene Morrison



Phyllis Finger



Bessie Setzer



Clara White

FACULTY

(1959)



Mr. Thomas H. Penn
Agricultural and Technical College
B.S.



Mrs. Sylvia K. McRae
Johnson C. Smith University
A.B. French, English, Library Science

Mr. Burrell P. Brown, Jr.
Maryland State College B.S.
American University
Virginia State University M.S.



Mrs. Janet B. Thompson
North Carolina College
B.S. Home Economics



Mrs. Le Van Norwood
Johnson C. Smith University
B.S.



Mrs. Hilda H. Robinson
North Carolina College
B.S. Commerce

Mr. William Robinson
Winston-Salem Teacher's College
B.S. Education



Mr. Dorus E. Forney
Agricultural and Technical College
A.B. History





Mr. Samuel W. Davis
Winston-Salem Teacher's College
B.S.



Mrs. Marie M. Fuller
North Carolina University
B.S.

Miss Bettye Ray Longrier
Winston-Salem Teacher's College
B.S.

Miss Rose A. Gaston
Agricultural and Technical College
B.S.



Miss Annie J. Wansley
Agricultural and Technical College
B.S.



Mrs. Mary S. Mitchell
Teachers College Columbia University
M.A.

Mrs. Vera C. DeVane
Bennett College
B.S.

Miss Marie G. Poston
Hampton Institute B.S.
T.C. Columbia University M.A.
T.C. Columbia University
Professional Diploma





Miss Willie Mae Robinson
Winston-Salem Teacher's College
B.S.



Miss Helen Augustine Gaston
Winston-Salem Teacher's College
B.S. Elementary Education

Mrs. Sarah K. Hinton
Johnson C. Smith University
A.B. Elementary Education, Library Science

Miss Bettye Jean Derr
Winston-Salem Teacher's College
B.S.



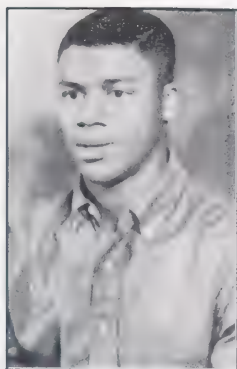
Miss Alice C. Bennett
Virginia State College
B.S.



Mrs. Minnie L. Wise
Winston-Salem Teacher's College
B.S.

SENIOR CLASS

(1959)



William Finger



Mary Jo Neal



Jack Alston Carter



Conchitta Milligan



James Allred



Eugene Barringer



Ruby Burch



Joseph Brown



Paul Carter



Walter Childs



Dorothy Currye



Edward Dula



Dorothy Finger



Bettye Lou Greene



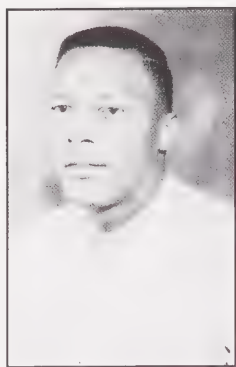
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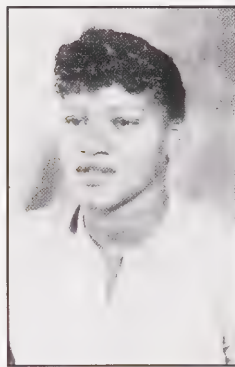
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William Primus



Willie Pope



Faye Belle Ramseur



Geraldine Gore



James Grier



George Johnson



Charles Mackey



Eugene McCorkle



Wilbert Roland



Minnie Bell Rowe



Marshall Sudderth



Delois Saddler



Robert Lee Warlick



Dorothy Wilson

JUNIOR CLASS

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Barbara Abernathy



David Anderson



Claude Audrey



Ida Blair



Taft Broome



Virginia Brown



Fred Campbell



Ozzie Clay



Robert Connor



Floyd Culbreath



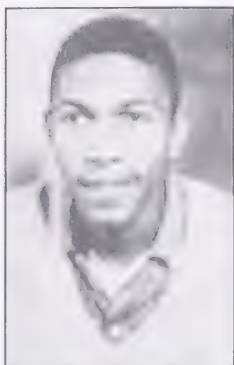
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Benjamin Dula



Alice Finney



Bobby Griffith



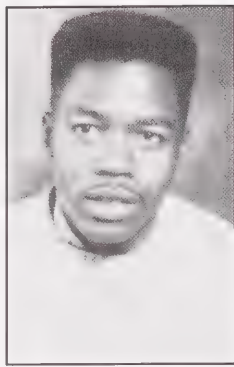
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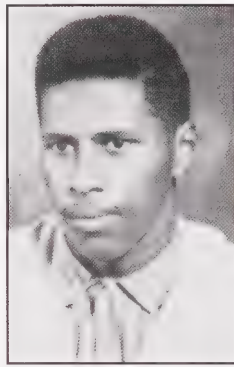
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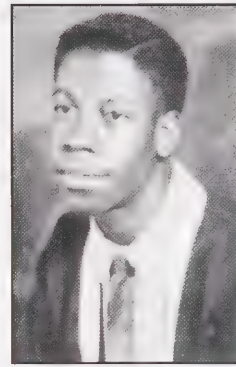
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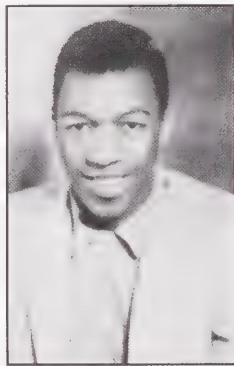
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Nathaniel Jett



Shirley Johnson



William Johnson



Marlene Johnson



William Kee



Nancy Kimball



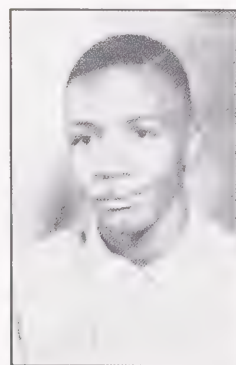
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Audrey Morrison



Irene Morrison



Thomas McClain



Billy Newman



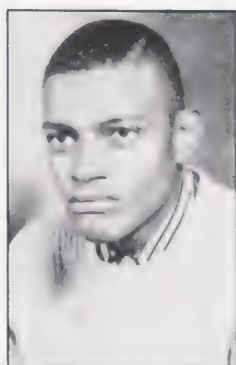
Alice Roland



George Roland



Nathaniel Scott



Joe Louis Rankin



Zelma Shuford



Charles Streeter



Elouise Tolbert



Robert Turner



Flossie Waller



Dorothy Wilfong



Lucy Woods

SOPHOMORE CLASS

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Joyce Burke



Judy Abernathy



Evelyn Carlton



Rosa McClain



Peggy Parks



Bessie Setzer



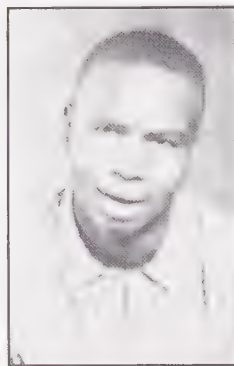
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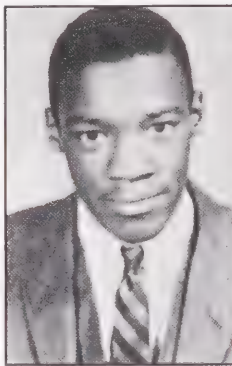
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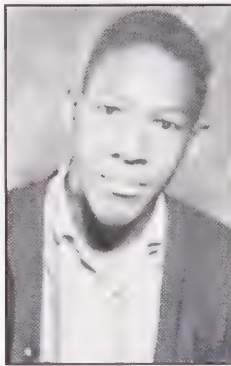
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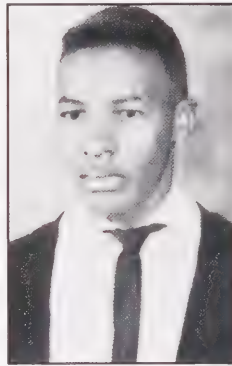
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The Sophomore Boys

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The Freshman Boys



The Freshman Girls

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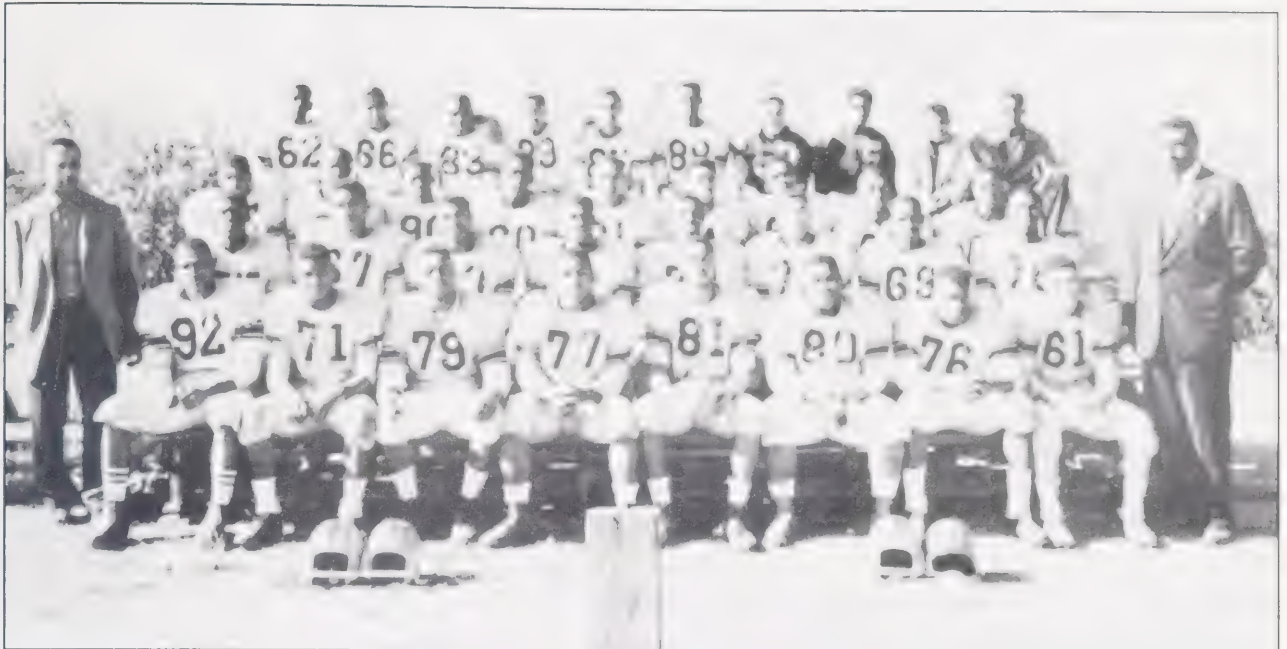


Ridgeview Glee Club
Director W.R. Robinson, Accompanist H.H. Robinson



Elementary Library Staff

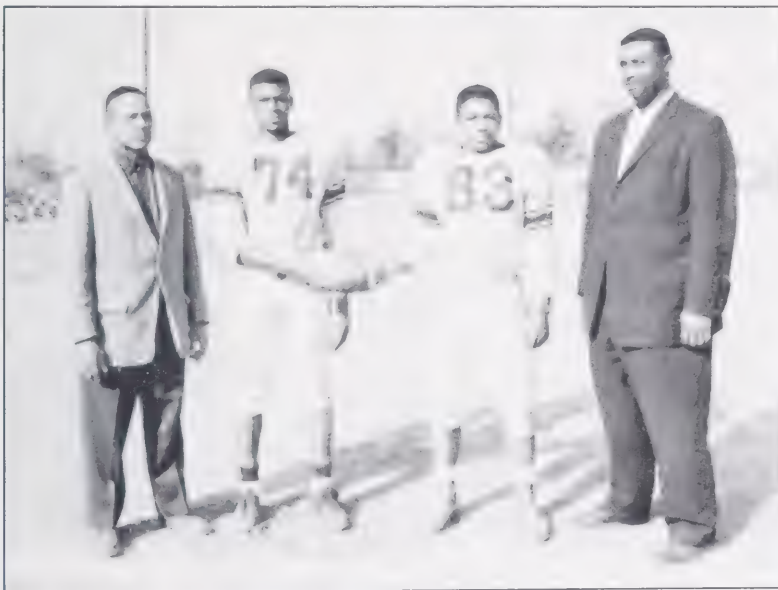
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NORTHWESTERN CHAMPIONS

Coaches: B.P. Brown & S.W. Davis

Seniors: Front row - Childs 77, Co-Captain; Sudderth 81; Mackey 80; Primus 61. Back row - Finger 74, Co-Captain; Warlick 70, Johnson 69; Brown 67; Morrison 65.



Coaches and Co-Captains



1959 Homecoming Queen
Betty Lou Green (l) and
Irene Morrison, Attendant

(1959)



1958 - 59 Basketball Team
Captains: Mary Neal & Minnie Rowe
Coach S.W. Davis



1958 - 59 Basketball Team
Coach B.P. Brown

(1959)



The Ridgeview Band



The Cheerleaders

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Eighth Grade - Teacher, Mr. W. R. Robinson



Seventh-Eighth Grade - Teacher, Mr. D. E. Forney

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Seventh Grade - Teacher, Mrs. M. M. Fuller

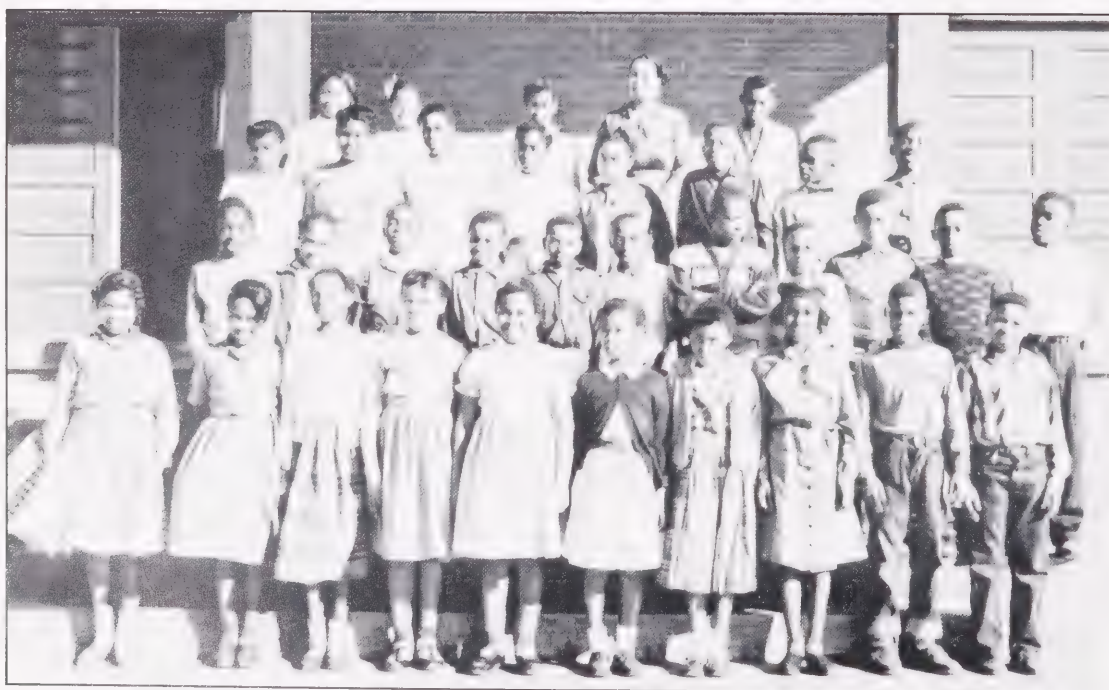


Seventh-Eighth Grade - Teacher, Mr. S. W. Davis

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Sixth Grade - Teacher, Miss R. A. Gaston



Fifth Grade - Teacher, Mrs. M. S. Mitchell

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Fifth-Sixth Grade - Teacher, Miss B. R. Longerier

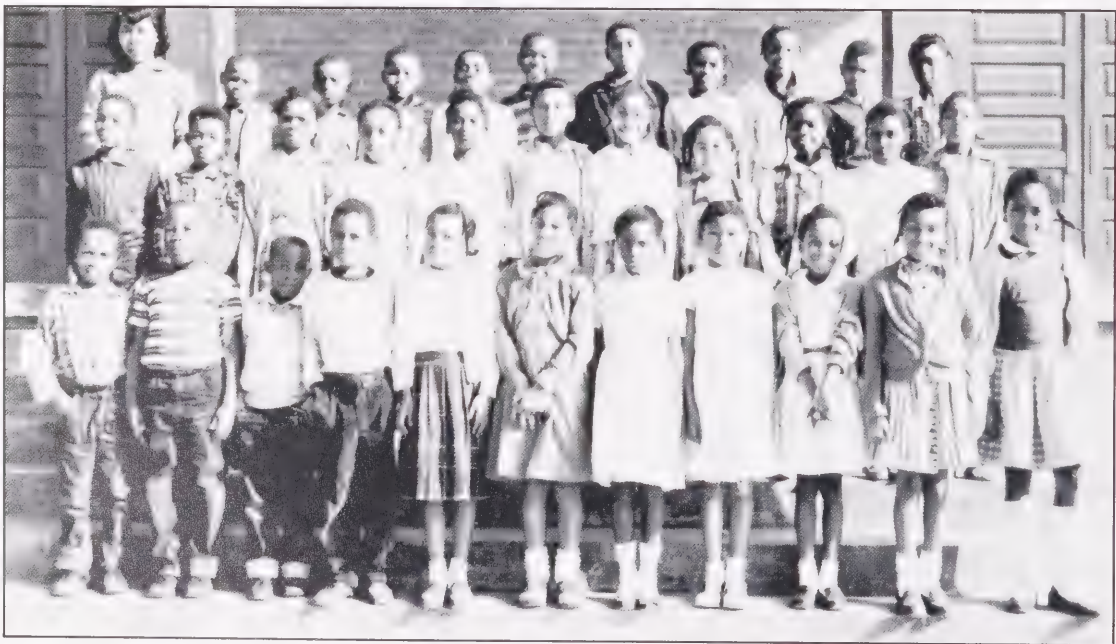


Sixth-Seventh Grade - Teacher, Mr. J. C. Killian

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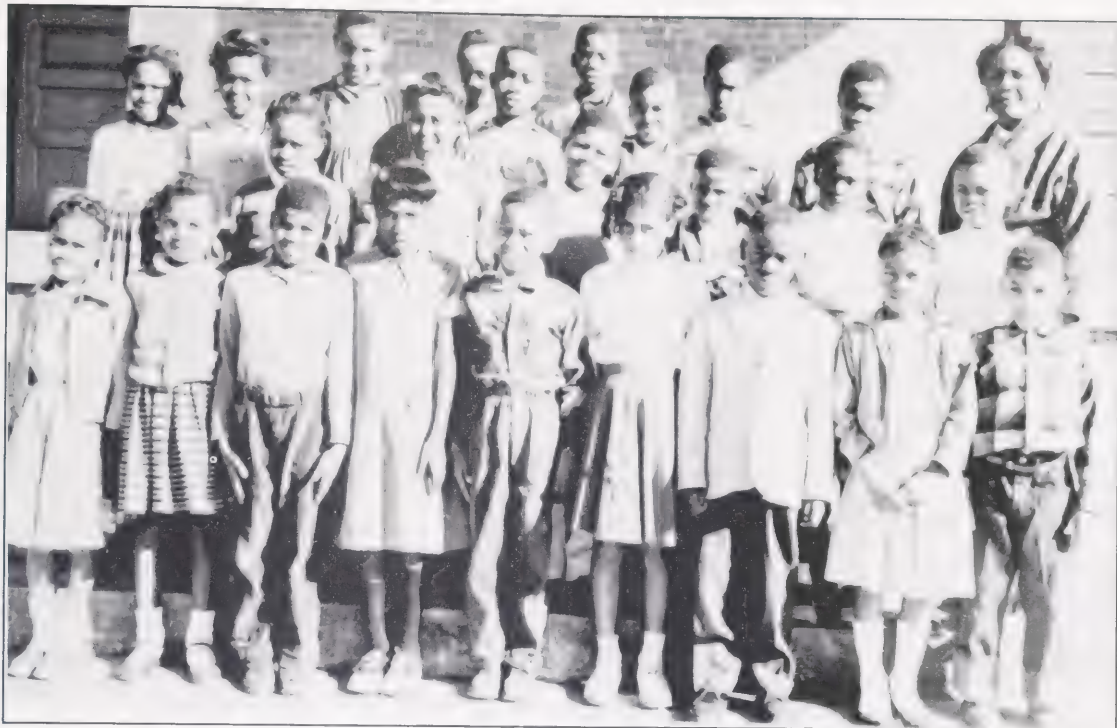


Fourth Grade - Teacher, Mrs. M. L. Devane



Third-Fourth Grade - Teacher, Mrs. D. Patterson

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(1959)



Third Grade - Teacher, Mrs. M. G. Poston



Third Grade - Teacher, Mrs. M. F. Burwick

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(1959)



Three B - Teacher, Miss W. M. Robinson



First-Second Grade, Teachers Miss H. Gaston and Miss B. J. Derr

(1959)



First-Second Grade - Teacher, Mrs. P. D. Shuford



First Grade - Teachers, Mrs. M. L. Wise and Mrs. A. C. Bennett

(1959)



Student Council



Newspaper Staff

51
(1959)



Library Club



Library Staff

(1959)



New Homemakers of America



The Handicraft Club

(1959)



The Girl Scouts
Supervisor, Mrs. A. C. Bennett



Secretary
Mrs. S. Washburn



Janitor
Mr. W. Watson



Dietician
Mrs. H. Kimball

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(1959)



The Ridgeview Bops



Ridgeview's Disc Jockey
Booker T. Carson

FACULTY

(1961)



Mr. B.P. Brown, Jr.
Maryland State College
American University
Virginia State College

Mr. Thomas H. Penn
Agricultural and Technical College

Mrs. E.D. Petty
Johnson C. Smith University

Mrs. J.B. Thompson
North Carolina College



Mrs. B.J. Twitty
North Carolina College

Mr. D.E. Forney
A & T College

Mrs. M.M. Fuller
North Carolina College

Miss R.A. Gaston
A & T College



(1961)



Mr. J.C. Killian
Fayetteville State
A & T College



Mrs. M.S. Mitchell
Teachers College
Columbia University

Mrs. W. D. Patterson
South Carolina State College

Miss M.G. Poston
Hampton Institute Teachers College
Columbia University



Mr. R.J. Scales
Fayetteville Teachers College



Mrs. C.H. Sharpe
Livingston College

Mrs. M.H. Wise
Winston-Salem Teachers College

Mrs. R.R. Barnhill
Bennett College



(1961)



Mrs. A.C. Bennett
Virginia State College



Mrs. A.J. Davis
A & T College

Mr. S.W. Davis
Winston-Salem Teachers College

Miss B.J. Derr
Winston-Salem Teachers College



Mrs. O.M. Evans
Winston-Salem Teachers College

Not Pictured:

Mr. G.P. Murphy
Shaw University

Mrs. H.H. Robinson
North Carolina College

YEARBOOK STAFF

(1961)



Yearbook Advisor
Mrs. E.D. Petty



Editor
Phyliss Fingers



Associate Editor
David Slacks



Business Manager
Edna Frederick



Faculty and Staff
Louise Reid



Layout Editor
Geraldine Pope



Class Editor
Evelyn Carlton



Activity Editor
Margie James



Sports Editor
Bessie Setzer



Sports Editor
Robert Killian



Typist
Dora Brown

Other Staff Members: Jacqueline Connor, Edward Clay, Cecelia Davenport, Nadine Hull, Nathaleen Jett, Beatrice Johnson, Tony Killian, Thomas Propst, Annie Roseboro, Patricia Thompson, Barbara Withers, Burrell Brown, Ernest Thompson, Steve Thompson.

SENIOR CLASS

(1961)



Clyde Shade



Rosie McClain



Joyce Diana Burke



David Slacks



Shirlene Roland



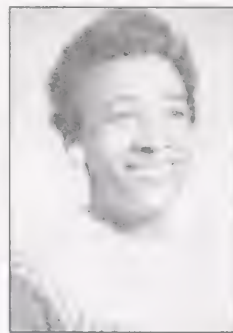
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Judy Abernathy



Dora Brown



Dorothy Bumgarner



Evelyn Carlton



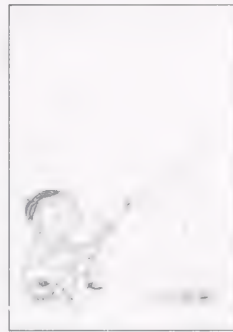
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Cecilia Davenport



Hazel Davis



Oscar John Ervin



Willie Flowers



Edna Fredericks



Mildred Grimes



Allan Hart



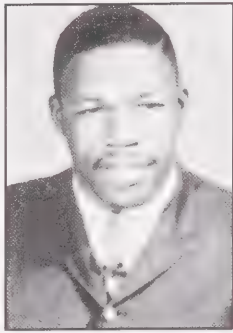
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Eleanor Hester



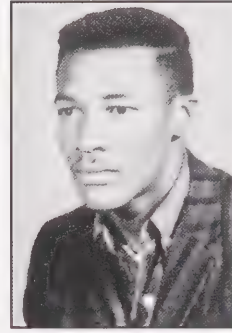
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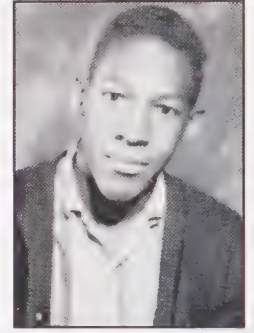
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Irma Jean Hunt



Steven James



Vincent James



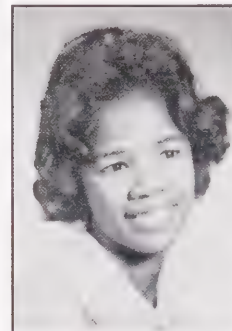
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Robert Louis Killian



Shirley Lanie Lee



Peggy Parks



Linda Rankin



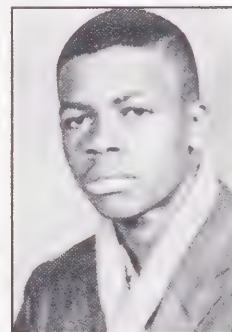
Annie Roseboro



Betty Jean Scott



Bessie Setzer



Melvin Shade



Thomas Sudderth



Ernest Jerry Thompson



Steve Thompson



Ernestine Wilson

Not Pictured:

Joseph Collins
Arnold Elmore Houston
Nathaniel Powell

JUNIOR CLASS

(1961)



Doris Forney



Edward Clay



Nathaleen Jett



Louise Reid



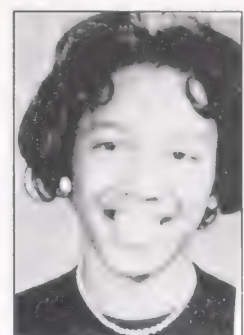
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Phyllis Finger



Geraldine Pope



Patricia Thompson



Doris Blair



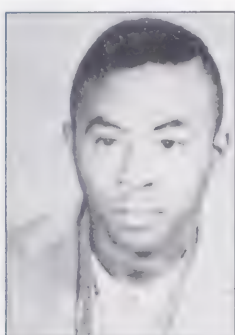
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Burrell Brown



Wilbert Brown



Calvin Burch



Carolyn Carson



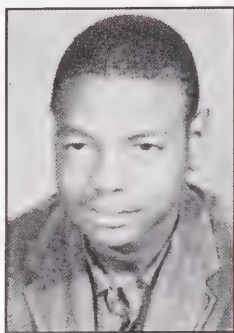
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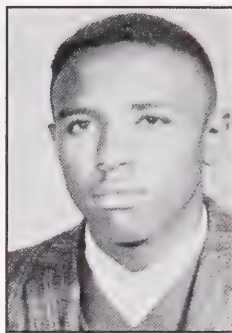
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William Conley



Rudolph Hoyle



Douglas Jennings



James Gabriel



Nadine Hull



Beatrice Johnson



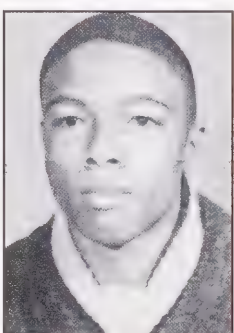
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Margie James



Jacqueline Johnson



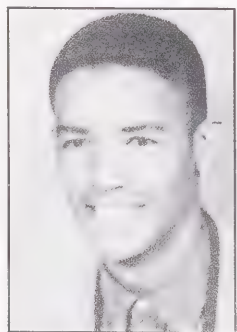
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Ruth Knox



Virginia Peterson



Amos Saddler



Bobby Thompson



Pearl Turner



Clara White

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Barbara Withers
Jerry Griggs

SOPHOMORES

(1961)



Mrs. Petty 10-G



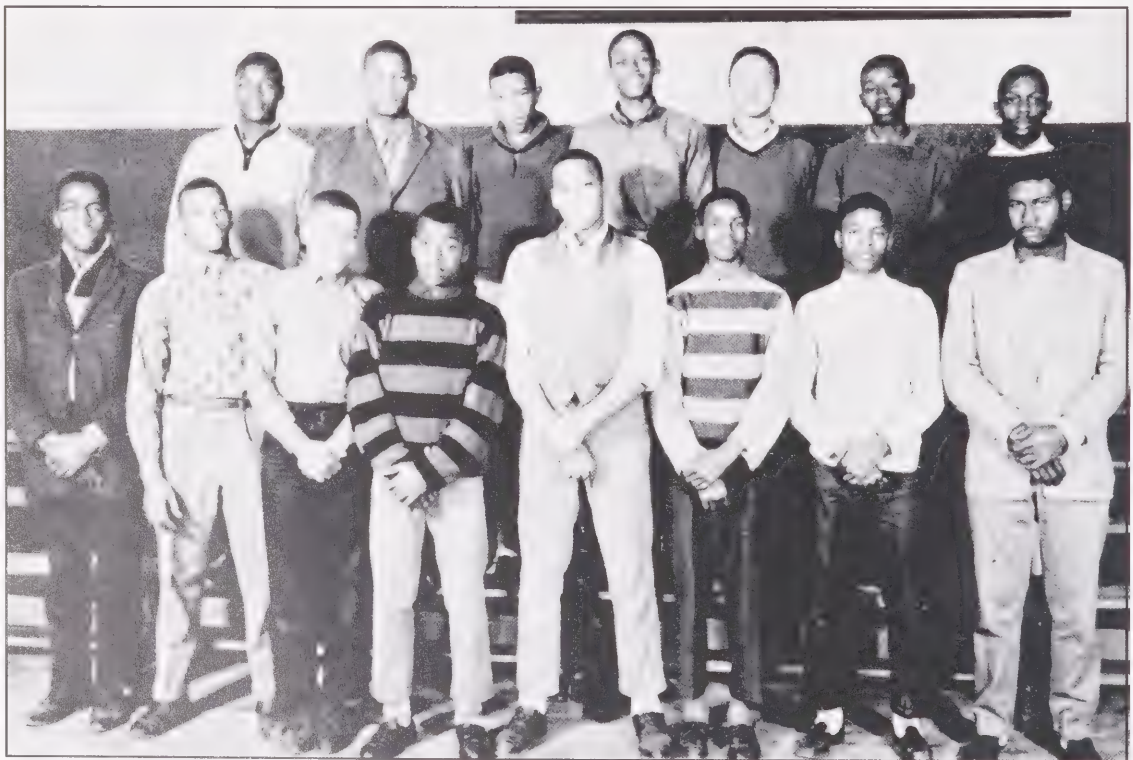
Mr. Brown 10-B

FRESHMEN

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Mrs. Robinson 9-G



Mr. Murphy 9-B

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Mr. Davis 8-B



Mr. Robinson 8-A

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Mr. Forney 7-8



Mrs. Fuller 7-A

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(1961)



Mrs. Patterson 7-B



Miss Longrier 6-B

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(1961)



Miss Gaston 6-A



Mr. Killian 5-6

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Mrs. Davis 5-B



Mrs. Mitchell 5-A

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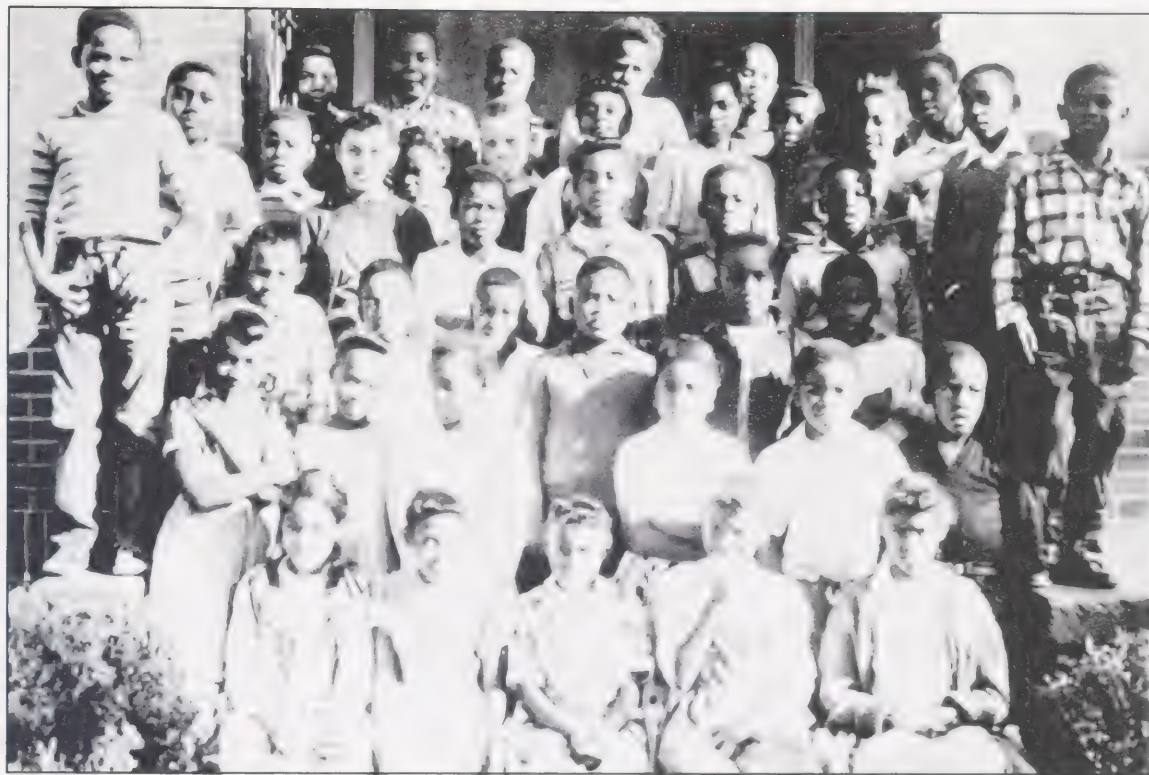


Miss Little 4-A



Mrs. Peoples 4-B

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Mrs. Burwick 3-4



Miss Poston 3-A

(1961)



Mrs. Sharpe 3-B

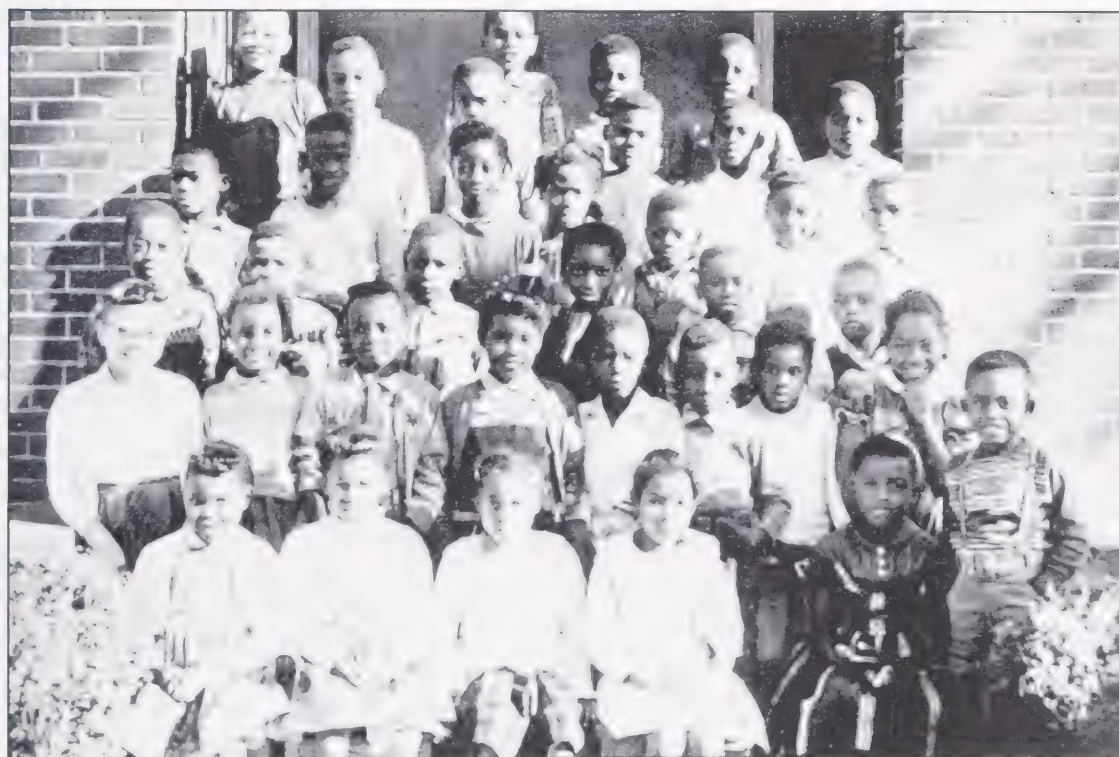


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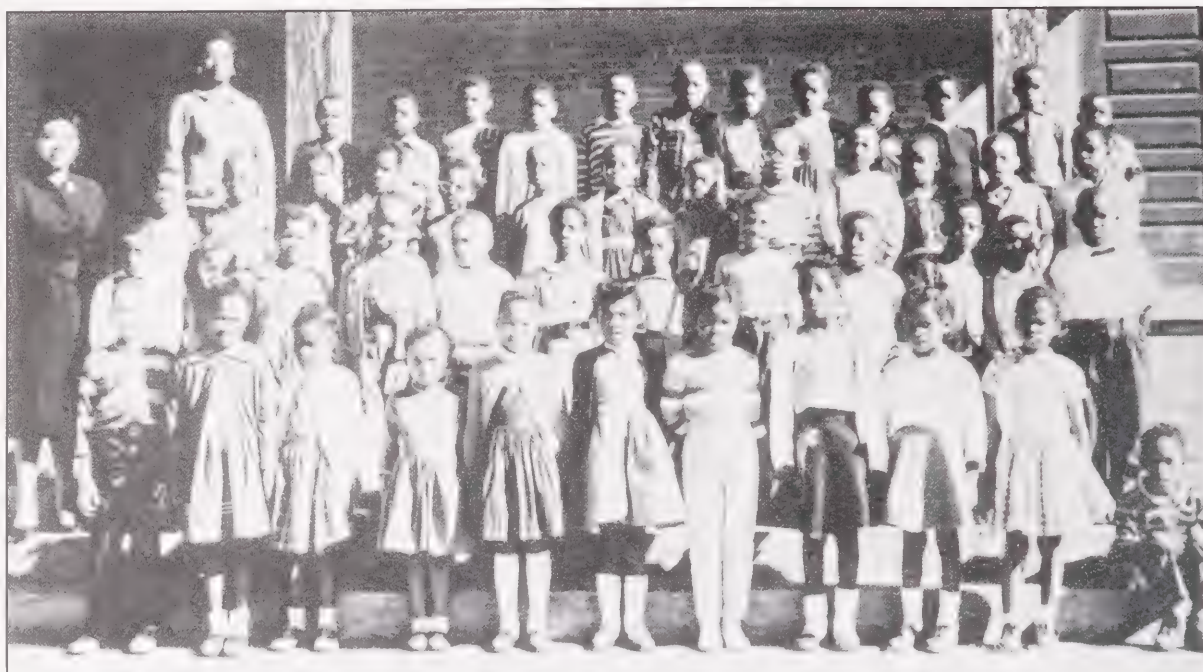


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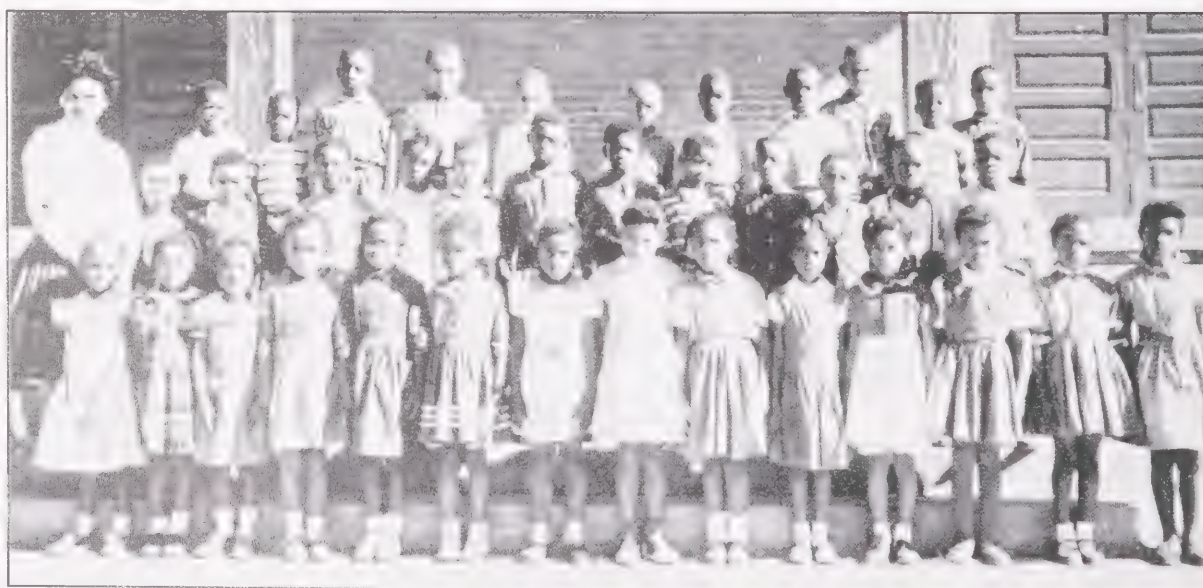


Mrs. Shuford 1-2

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Mrs. Bennett 1-A
Mrs. Evans 1-B



Mrs. Wise 1-C

STAFFS

(1961)



East Hickory Elementary

STUDENT COUNCIL

(1961)

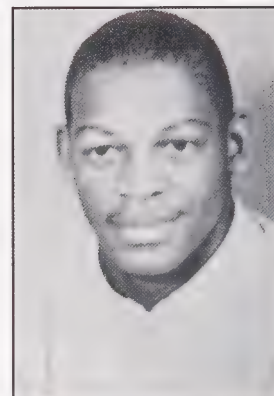


Mr. Brown
Advisor

-government of the students
-by the students
-for the students



Carolyn Johnson
Vice President



Louise Reid
Secretary

N. Brockenborough
President



Front Row: Shirley Hunt, Carolyn H. Johnson, Shirlene Roland, Louise Reid,
Kay Michaux, Anita Kissler.

Back Row: Mr. Brown, Calvin Sharpe, Thomas Propst, Nelson Brockenborough,
James Turner, Evans Byrd, Kenneth Carter.

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(1961)

SCIENCE CLUB



NEW HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA



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SAFETY PATROL



MS
(1961)

BROWNIES GIRL SCOUTS



CUB SCOUTS



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Cub Scouts Give Program On S. America



LIBRARY

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Ridgeview High School



Ridgeview Elementary

(1961)

BAND



GLEE CLUB



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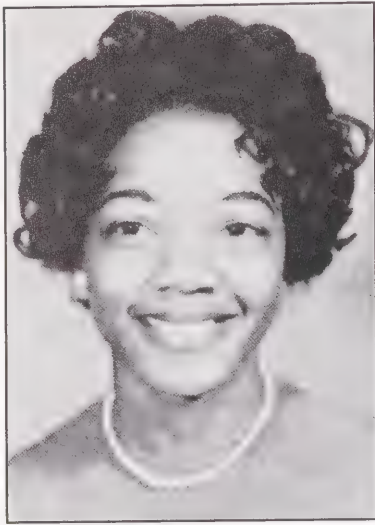
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ART CLUB



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NORTHWESTERN WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL CLUB
HICKORY DEBUTANTES 1961



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY
HICKORY DEBUTANTES 1961



MISS SPIRIT OF RIDGEVIEW

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MISS RIDGEVIEW 1961

Miss Peggy Parks, a Senior at Ridgeview High School, will be crowned Miss Ridgeview during half time of the Central High-Ridgeview game.



HOMECOMING ATTENDANTS

(1961)



CHEERLEADERS



STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNER-UPS

(1961)



FRONT ROW

Richard Hodge	78	T	Senior
David Slacks	73	FB	Senior
Burrell Brown	18	QB	Junior
Joseph Collin	48	E	Senior
Steve Thompson	35	HB	Senior
Allen Hart	33	HB	Senior
James Johnson	63	HB	Senior
Thomas Sudderth	62	C	Senior
Thomas Propst	64	HB	Senior
Robert Killian	74	E	Senior
Arnold Huston	69	T	Senior
William Abernathy	87	FB	Senior
Don Sims	79	G	Junior

SECOND ROW

Horace Tilt	60	HB	Sophomore
James Turner	82	HB	Sophomore
Leonard Clay	65	HB	Sophomore
James Childs	98	G	Junior
Tony Killian	66	T	Junior
Nelson Brockenborough	76	T	Freshman
Calvin Burch	77	HB	Junior
Edward Clay	80	G	Junior
Thomas Childs	92	G	Sophomore
Douglas Jennings	67	G	Junior
Everette Carson	68	E	Sophomore

THIRD ROW

Nathaniel Foster	88	E	Sophomore
James Freeman	71	T	Sophomore
James Kimball	75	E	Sophomore
Glenn Anthony		C	Sophomore
Edward Rogers		G	Freshman
Donald Williams	58	T	Sophomore
Pat Broome	83	E	Sophomore
Richard Davis		T	Sophomore
Donald Bumgarner	91	C	Sophomore
Teddy Brown	85	E	Freshman

(1961)



Back: Vincent James (11-C), Kenneth Carter (41-G), Richard Hodge (51-C). Middle: James Kimball (25-G), Stuart Broome (53-F), Forney Johnson (15-G), Calvin Sharpe (23-G), Bobby Thompson (13-F), William Conley (3-F), Robert Dula (5-F), David Slacks (45-G), Nelson Brockenborough (43-C), Mr. B.P. Brown, Coach. Front: Co-Captains: James Johnson (35-F), and Allen Hart (21-F).



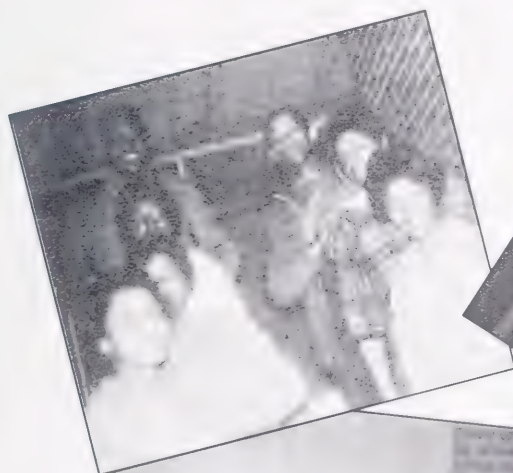
Back: Edna Fredericks, Trainer; Bessie Setzer (54-G), Alma Sudderth (22-F), Charlotte Scott (55-F), Patricia Thompson (41-F), Nadine Hull (52-G), Jacquelin Connor (45-G), Betty Davis (50-F), Peggy Setzer (34), Mr. S.W. Davis, Coach. Front: Carolyn Carson (40-F), Nancy Wilfong (53-F), Barbara Withers (43-F), Betty Scott, Captain (42-F), Carolyn Johnson (51-F), Olivia Morrison (25-G).

(1961)



Coach: Mr. S.W. Davis
 Captain: Richard Hodge
 Co-Captains: David Slacks
 and Thomas Propst

SENIOR SNAPS



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RIDGEVIEW MIGHTY PANTHERS IN SPORTS



C.R. RANKINS



RALPH CURRY



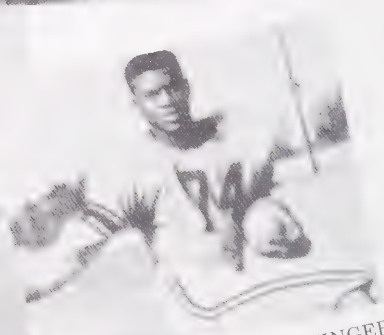
TOM PROPST



THOMAS SUDERTH



WILLIAM FINGER



RIDGEVIEW COACHES



Burrell P. Brown, Jr. - Coach: 1947 to 1965

Mr. Brown, a native of Cumberland, Maryland, was born on March 27, 1917, to the late Lily Mae and Burrell P. Brown, Sr.

He graduated from Frederick Street High School in 1933 and attended the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (formerly Princess Anne College and/or Maryland State), where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Education in 1943.

While in service from 1943 to 1946, he attended Shrivenham American University in Shrivenham, England, and Oxford University in Oxford, England. Upon returning to the United States in 1947, he attended Virginia State college and received his Master of Science degree in Education and Vocational Education.

Mr. Brown married Marcenia L. Brown and they have five children - Burrell, III, Marcenia, LaVerne, Gregory, and Shelia. They also have ten grandchildren.

His professional activities include 35 years of teaching and coaching in the following schools: Frederick Douglass in Seaford, Delaware, Ridgeview High School in Hickory, North Carolina, Price High School in Salisbury, North Carolina, Central High School in Newton, North Carolina, and Bunker Hill High School in Catawba County.

He is a member of Morning Star First Baptist Church, where he serves on the Layman League. He is also a volunteer for the "Meals on Wheels" program and the Share program. He is a member of the Education Committee of the NAACP.



Samuel W. Davis - Ridgeview Coach: 1952 to 1967

Mr. Davis, a native of Wilkes County, is the son of the late Norah and Fay Davis. He attended Lincoln Heights High School in Wilkesboro, North Carolina and Winston-Salem Teachers' College (now Winston-Salem State University), where he received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Elementary Education.

He was married to the late Annie Jean Wansley and to that marriage was born three boys: Samuel, Jr., Ernest, and Neil Davis.

He was awarded Outstanding Secondary Educator of America in 1974 and to the Hall of Fame Eugene Saddler VFW. He was also awarded Coach of the Year for many years.

He is a member of Hartzell Memorial Methodist Church, where he is president of the Methodist men and chairman of the Trustee Board. He is also a Mason, a member of the NAACP, and has served on numerous committees in the community.

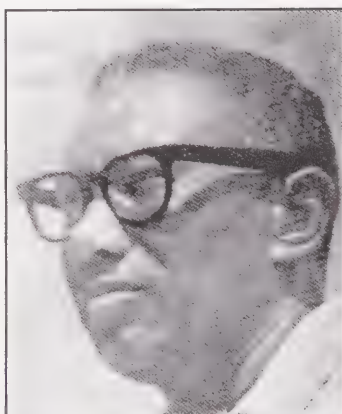


Marie M. Fuller

Mrs. Marie Moore Fuller completed her former education at Ridgeview High School. Her B.S. degree was earned at North Carolina Central in Health and Physical Education. She also received a Masters Degree from A&T College.

She is married to Edward Fuller. All of her teaching years were at Ridgeview and Grandview Schools. She began coaching in 1946.

Mrs. Fuller's wish is to have had separate but equal opportunities in education. She feels this because she says the black children are victims because of the empathy some teacher have today.



Harry Lee Faggett, B.S., A.M., Ph.D

Harry Lee Faggett is a graduate of J.B. Dudley High School in Greensboro, North Carolina and was valedictorian. His undergraduate work was done at Hampton Institute, Virginia where he received a B.S. degree in 1941 majoring in French, English, and Education.

Mr. Faggett received his A.M. degree from Boston University in 1945 majoring in English literature and creative writing and received his Ph.D also from Boston University in 1947 majoring in English (literary criticism) and philosophy.

Mr. Faggett's A.M. thesis was entitled *Techniques of Characterization in the Short Story*, and his Ph.D dissertation was *Attitudes Toward Foreigners Reflected in Elizabethan Drama*.

He was an instructor of French and English until 1944 as well as a coach for football, basketball, track, tennis, and dramatics (senior plays) at Ridgeview High School in Hickory, North Carolina. He also played saxophone in the faculty band.

His college level experience includes the following: Instructor, NC College at Durham, NC, 1945-46; Associate Professor, Hampton Institute, 1947-48; Professor, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md, 1948-53; Department Head, Florida A&M University, 1953-57; Department Head, Central State college, Wilberforce, Ohio, 1957-59; Visiting Professor Southern University, Baton Rouge, La, 1959-1960; Visiting Professor, Queensborough Community College, Long Island, NY, 1960-61; Professor, Southern University 1961-70; Director, Division of Freshman Studies at Prairie View A&M University, Texas, 1970-73; Adjunct Professor, State University of NY, Buffalo, NY, summer of 1970 (May and June) (EPSI Program), Department Head, Jackson State University 1973-74; Professor S.C. State College, Orangeburg, SC, 1974-



Jerry C. Johnson

Jerry C. Johnson is a graduate of Washington High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He received a B.S. degree from Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC and a M.A. from Columbia University, New York, NY. He has also done further study at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

Mr. Johnson has been listed in "Who's Who In The South", as well as the NCAA Winningest Coaches. His memberships include the National Association of Basketball Coaches, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, American Alliance Health Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, NAACP, and NEA.

His positions held thus far are as follows: Teacher/Coach, Plato Price High School, Charlotte, NC, 1943-47; Teacher/Coach, Ridgeview High School, Hickory, NC, 1947-53; Teacher/Coach, Pattilo High School, Terboro, NC, 1953-58; Athletic Director/Head Basketball Coach, LeMoyne-Owen College, Memphis, TN, 1959-.

Mr. Johnson also was on the Board of Directors of the Memphis YMCA, 1961-70; a National Sports Program Evaluator 1971-81; is on the Governor's Advisory Committee, Memphis, 1985 to present; and is Vice President of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, 1983 to present.

He has received the following awards: State Championship, 4 times at Ridgeview in Basketball; NCAA Championship in Basketball at LeMoyne-Owen, 1975; NCAA Basketball Runner-up (2nd) 1986; NCAA Coach of the Year, 1975; Volunteer State Coach of the Year, 8 times; Southern Intercollegiate Coach of the Year, 4 times; Operation Push Athletic Award, 1976; and Vanguard Club Coach of the Year Award, 1986.

Mr. Johnson is married to the former Vaster Marrow who is a public school teacher. They have three children: Wandra, a registered nurse in Gainesville, FL; Jerry, Jr. a medical doctor in Philadelphia, PA; and Oliver, a chemical engineer in Cleveland, OH.

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PANTHERS FOOTBALL 1930-1965

Overall Record

231-73-11

29 Winning Seasons

3 Losing Seasons

4 500 Seasons

Coaches

Julian Johnson
E. Campbell
J.T. Wilson

D.E. Forney
G. Brown
H.L. Faggett

J.C. Johnson
B.P. Brown
Marie M. Fuller

Samuel Davis
R.J. Scales
Jessie M. Collins

Top Winning Coaches

Sam Davis

14 years

123 wins

Jerry C. Johnson

5 years

43 wins

J.T. Wilson

9 years

5 Conference Titles

DATE

RECORD

TITLE

1964

12-0-0

State 2 A Champs

1962

12-0-0

State 2 A Champs

1950

8-3-0

State 'B' Champs

1960

11-1-0

State 2A Runner-Up

1961

11-1-0

State 2A Runner-Up

1951

8-3-0

State B Runner-Up

1958

10-1-0

Conference Champs

1959

10-1-0

Conference Champs

1963

10-1-0

Conference Champs

1948

10-1-1

Conference Champs

1965

9-1-0

Conference Champs

1953

9-0-0

Conference Champs

1947

9-2-0

Conference Champs

1943

7-1-0

Conference Champs

1931

7-1-0

Conference Champs

1942

6-1-0

Conference Champs

1933

6-1-0

Conference Champs

Shrine Bowl and All-Star Players

1959	Bobby Warrick
1960	Ozzie Clay Taft Broome, Jr.
1961	Richard Hodge Thomas Propst David Slacks
1962	Burrell Brown, III James Childs
1963	Stuart "Pat" Broome Leonard Clay Richard Davis
1964	Nelson Brockenborough William "Mac" Roland Ed Rodger
1965	Lee Douglas Bumgarner Edward Cunningham Johnny Hodge Xenophone Lutz
1966	Allen Burch Charles Redmon

High Scoring Ridgeview Players

Lee Douglas Bumgarner	1964	21 TD's
Leonard Clay	1962	14 TD's
Thomas Propst	1960	13 TD's
Ozzie Clay	1958	13 TD's
Lee Douglas Bumgarner	1963	11 TD's
Edward Cunningham	1963	11 TD's
Allen Burch	1963	11 TD's
Allen Burch	1965	10 TD's
David Slacks	1960	11 TD's
Ozzie Clay	1957	12 TD's
William Finger	1958	11 TD's
Willie Stevens	1950	10 TD's
Alfred Wright	1948	10 TD's
Charles Hull	1942	8 TD's
Elmore Eckerd	1932	8 TD's
Tedro Lutz	1931	8 TD's
Allen Burch	1964	8 TD's
Edward Cunningham	1964	8 TD's



1954
Coach Brown (r) and
Coach Davis

RIDGEVIEW PANTHERS 1928



Coach: J.T. Wilson. Front row: Howard Carlton, Fred Williams, George E. Mitchell, Jack Stocks, Levi Stroud. Second row: J. Wilson, Bud Carter, James Holloway, Elmore Eckard, Westley Pompey.

1930

RIDGEVIEW HIGH BEAT LINCOLN 6-0

Ridgeview Colored Hi defeated Lincoln Academy in one of their hardest fought battles, 6-0.

Ridgeview is undefeated this season and bids well to carry off the championship of the Western Colored conference. For Ridgeview, Mitchell, Hack Johnson, Bud Hill, Pompey and Mundy were stars on the defense, Ted Lutz, the Galloping Ghost, and Bud Carter the fastest boy seen in Ridgeview football, were great in defensive and offensive plays. Bud Carter was easily the star of the game, recovering a fumble of his opponents and racing thirty yards for the only touchdown.

HICKORY DAILY RECORD

RIDGEVIEW VICTORY OVER GASTONIA, 6-0

Hickory Colored Team Wins Championship Of Conference

The Panthers of Ridgeview colored school won the championship of their conference from Gastonia when a last minute touchdown by Whitener gave them the game with a final score of 6-0 on the Lenior Rhyne field last night.

All through the game long end runs were made by Derr, Lutz, and Whitener; these three backs brining the ball down the field due to good blocking by the line. A last minute touchdown by Whitener gave them the game with a final score of 6-0 on the Lenior Rhyne field last night.

Lawrence, for Hickory, had his tackling down pat, getting back of the line on several plays to throw Gastonia boys for losses of several yards. During the

first half, the visiting team got within scoring distance several times but lacked punch. The Panthers were within a few feet of the goal line and failed twice to score.

The final quarter, with the game still scoreless, brought some hard playing by both teams. The Panthers finally came through with flying colors when they took the ball down the field with passes and line plunges. Lutz, the Galloping Ghost, plunged over the line for the only score of the game. This was the last conference game to be played by the Hickory team.

The lineup:

Ridgeview	Pos.	Gastonia
Lawrence	LE	Pasour
Loretz	LT	Jimson

HICKORY DAILY RECORD

RIDGEVIEW TOPPLES MORGANTON ELEVEN

Local Colored Team Wins Sixth Straight Contest

Ridgeview Panthers colored football team won its sixth straight victory of the year by turning back Morganton colored eleven here Friday night at College field by a 6-0 score.

The Panthers scored in the second quarter when Lutz went across in a line buck. A pass to Whitener failed for the extra point. Hickory displayed more of offensive attack than the visitors but was able to cross the goal line in the final half. Morganton looked good on the line bucks but had little other offensive power.

Mitchell, the Galloping Ghost, while Lutz was outstanding with his line bucks. The Panthers completed three passes with Mitchell and Johnson on the receiving end with Bell as the passer.

Mundy and Bate played good on defense for Ridgeview.

The lineup:

Ridgeview	Pos.	Morganton
Derr	LE	Gillard
Mundy	LT	Powell
Bates	LG	Croft
Eckard	C	Avery
Jordan	RG	Pole
Dula	RT	Johi
W	BT	M
Johnson	QB	Lytle
Mitchell	LH	Herndon
Bell	RH	Fleming
Lutz	FB	Alston

1932

Jordan	LE	H. Glenn
Johnson	C	Smith
Bates	RG	Garette
Mundy	RT	Alexander
Deal	RF	Garvin
Whitener	QB	J
Derr	LHR	V. Glenn
Eckard	RHB	C
Lutz	FB	C

Score by quarters:

Hickory	0	0	6	6
Gastonia	0	0	0	0

Substitutions: Hickory Dula and Reynolds. Gastonia Good and Falls. Officials Hager, Sox, and Hendrix.

COLORED TILT SLATED HERE

Ridgeview To Play Crack Belmont Team At L-R Thursday Night

Ridgeview colored high school will meet the crack Belmont high school eleven, at College Field, Thursday night, November 23, in a gridiron battle which should go a long ways toward determining the best colored high school team in this section.

The local Panthers will be out to avenge a protested defeat handed them at Belmont last November, while Belmont will be trying to keep her record of no defeats all season.

The Ridgeview lads have been playing spectacular ball every time out this fall, and the visiting teams have been worthy foes, thus giving Hickory fans plenty of thrills for their money.

Thursday night's games will be the last for several Ridgeview stars, the cool and level headed quarterback, James Whitener, Guilford Derr, starr broken field runner, who has scored 37 points this year, Oscar Jordan, guard and R-L, Mundy, tackle, graduating this year. These four seniors and two others Tedro Lutz and Elmo Eckard, line hitting backs of exceptional ability, who have also served their allotted time, will be giving everything they have Thursday night in a desperate attempt at doing what no other team has done in the last two years - BEATING BELMONT.

Ridgeview will present a lineup of seasoned veteran forwards, with Jack Lawrence and Hewitt or Gaston at ends; Crawford Loritts and Mundy at tackles; Oscar Jordan and R.J. Largen at guards, and Hewitt at center. This line is expected to stop the highly touted Belmont running attack, which is rated as the best in this section, among colored teams.

Gastonia is the only team to score on Belmont this year, and the Thursday night opponents of Ridgeview have scored 152 points to opponents' seven, in five games played to date.

Belmont and Salisbury both defeated Charlotte colored high by the same score, 20 to 0, and Ridgeview recently defeated Salisbury by a twelve to six count, just a week after turning back Charlotte 6 to 0.

The 1933 records of the two teams are as follows

BELMONT

Belmont 27 - Gastonia 7
Belmont 60 - Monroe 0
Belmont 26 - Shelby 0
Belmont 19 - Mary Potter 0
Belmont 20 - Charlotte 0

RIDGEVIEW

Ridgeview 6 - Concord 6
Ridgeview 13 - Lincoln Academy 0
Ridgeview 6 - Morganton 7
Ridgeview 12 - Shelby 6
Ridgeview 26 - Monroe 0
Ridgeview 6 - Charlotte 0
Ridgeview 12 - Salisbury 6

RIDGEVIEW IN 7-0 WIN OVER STRONG FOES

Belmont Team Defeated In Colored Football Classic At College Field

Ridgeview colored high of Hickory ended her 1933 football season Thursday night, at College Field, in a sensational manner, by defeating the crack Belmont colored eleven, 7 to 0, in a red-hot game.

Halfback Derr chalked up the winning touchdown on the finest play of the second period, when he took the ball from Whitener on a delayed pass, and dashed off right end for a 40-yard run through a broken field for the score. Incidentally he also ran his total points for the season to 43 during the evening.

The teams played on even terms the first period, but just before the end of the quarter, Quarterback Whitener intercepted a long Belmont pass and ran to the visitors' 40-yard line, from whence Derr scored on the next play, after which Eckard plunged across for the extra point.

Belmont unleashed a bombardment of passes in the third quarter, but fumbles and interceptions saved the day for Ridgeview repeatedly. The visitors completed several long passes in the fourth quarter, and when a Ridgeview kick was blocked on the local's 20-yard line, it looked like Belmont would tie up the score, but a 15-yard penalty on the visitors for clipping, and an interception of a pass gave Ridgeview the ball.

The best colored game crowd of the year witnessed the combat, which was the first defeat for Belmont in two years.

In addition to Derr, Whitener, Lutz, Eckard, and Mundy showed up well for the winners, while Hunter and Clawson, ends, and Pix and Grier, backs, featured for Belmont.

The lineup

Ridgeview	Pos.	Belmont
Lawrence	LE	Hunter
Loretz	LT	Craig
Jordan	LG	Brandon
Hewitt	C	Hager
Largen	RG	Leaper
Mundy	RT	Brower
Hewitt	RE	Clawson
Whitener	QB	Simmons
Derr	LHR	G. Craig
Eckard	RHB	Greer
Lutz	FB	Fox

Score:

Belmont 0 0 0 0—0
Ridgeview 0 7 0 0—7

Touchdown: Derr. Plunge for point, Eckard.
Referee, Hager, Umpire, Munday.

21-0 VICTORY SCORED HERE BY RIDGEVIEW

Hickory Negro Team Out- classes Atkins High of Winston-Salem

Ridgeview played the best game of colored football that has probably ever been played on College field Friday night when they reaped a well deserved 21 to 0 victory over their traditional rivals, the Atkins High school eleven, from Winston-Salem.

Ridgeview was almost without helmets, but that did not keep the colored lads from whipping the fully equipped visitors in what was a real thrill to the shivering white fans in the bleachers and around the tiny camp fires. The first half was nip and tuck, with neither team accruing an edge, but in the third quarter Ridgeview started a drive that soon had them shining like a new moon. Punting, blocking, tackling, breaking through the visitors' line. Lawrence, Gaston and Deal were the main fireworks in the Ridgeview lineup. Lawrence was plenty good. These three boys jumped at the Winston-Salem boys like a cat jumps for a mouse, which they rammed their way through the Atkins line as if it were paper.

Lawrence made the first touchdown in the third quarter when he grabbed the ball when it was juggled by both Ridgeview and Winston-Salem players. Taking the ball on the ten yard line, Lawrence went across for the score. Deal made the extra point on a line plunge.

Gaston ripped through the visitors line in the same quarter for the second score. Harold made the extra point.

Lawrence fought and spun his way through Atkins' line in the last quarter for twenty yards. On a following play, Goodson carried the ball through the center of the line for the last touchdown. Gaston kicked through the line for the extra point.

The lineup:

Ridgeview (21)	Pos.	Atkins (0)
Lawrence	LE	Greene
Loritz	LT	Thompson
Sudderth	LG	Spencer
Rhinehardt	C	Jenkins
Frazer	RG	Holland
Houston	RT	Ledbetter
Patterson	RE	Sloan
Deal	QB	Hopkins
Harold	LH	Smith
Goodson	RH	Hodges
Carpenter	FB	Heron

Officials: Hager, Conrad and Munday.

RIDGEVIEW IN 19-0 VICTORY

Hickory Negro Football Team Beats Monroe On L.R. Field

Ridgeview colored high defeated Monroe colored high at College field, Friday night, 19 to 0, in a game, featured by the alertness of Ridgeview linemen in recovering fumbles, the whirling tactics of Harrell, and great work by the ends, Jim Lawrence and Moore.

Jordan counted the first score for the locals in the initial period on a line buck, with Elmo Eckerd hitting the line for the extra point after touchdown.

Center Hewitt blocked his second kick in the third period, and Ridgeview paraded down the field for another marker, Harrell scoring.

A long pass to Moore started another goal line drive in the final period, Harrell again lugging the leather across for six points.

Lawrence and Harrell also featured at intercepting Monroe passes.

Horne was the ace star for the visitors.

The lineup:

Ridgeview	Pos.	Monroe
Lawrence	LE	Patton
Loretz	LT	Hood
Reynolds	LG	McCallister
Hewitt	C	Ledbetter
Finger	RG	Chambers
Dula	RT	McCain
Moore	RE	U. Barber
Shuford	QB	Crowder
Jordan	HB	Jones
Harrill	HB	Horne
Eckard	FB	J. Barber

Score:

Monroe 0 0 0 0—0
Ridgeview 7 0 6 6—19

Scoring Touchdowns: Harrell, 2, Jordan, Point, Eckard. Officials, Referee Hager, umpire, Conrad, field judge and timekeeper, Thornbrough.

PANTHERS END SEASON WITH 20-12 VICTORY

Defeat King Kongs Of Newton In Spirited Game

Ridgeview High schools' Black Panthers today added a 20 to 12 victory over the Newton King Kongs here Wednesday night in their last football game of the season.

The Panthers played a spirited game and took advantage of several breaks to avenge a defeat at the hands of the King Kongs last season. They also slipped up once or twice by fumbling, but turned on the steam in the last half to take the game by a comfortable margin.

Ridgeview fans had predicted to the reporter before the game started that history would be made, which proved true. The Panthers scored in the first ten minutes of the game. Southpaw Thomas Barber started the march by completing a twenty-five yard pass to Shuford. Fisher made another first down and then he also plunged through the line to score. Neri Clark toted the ball across for the extra point.

The King Kongs soon retaliated, however, taking to the air for a successful scoring drive. A long beautiful pass across the goal line accounted for the touchdown, but Vance Shuford blocked the dropkick try for the point.

Newton again aeriaded to a score in the third quarter, completing long floating passes. King Kong Coulter swept around end for the tally. Again the try for the point failed.

The Black Panthers received a break in the fourth period when Howell blocked a King Kong punt and pounced on it on the five-yard line. Clark scored on the next play. A few minutes later, Clark intercepted a King Kong pass and sped forty-five yards to score, which was the keynote attraction of the game, at least to the white folks who had assembled.

The staring lineup:

Ridgeview	Pos.	Newton
V. Shuford	LE	Ikard
J. Monroe	LT	Beatty
L. Howell	LG	Ramseur
Ben Derr	C	Rhinehart
R. Killian	RG	Smith
J. Dula	RT	Massey
J. Johnson	RE	Laurence
N. Clark	QB	Smvve
B. Abernethy	LH	Peterson
Barber	RH	Wilson
Fisher	FB	Coulter

Ridgeview Beats Oaklawn Bulls 20-13 In Lincolnton

Ridgeview High school's Black Panthers had a new record to boast of today, a victory over the Oaklawn Bulls of Lincolnton on the latter's home field.

The Panthers, undefeated in their respective conference and turned back only once in non-conference competition, downed the Bulls, 20 to 13, in Lincolnton Friday night. Earlier in the season, the Panthers licked the Bulls here, 22 to 0.

Oaklawn held the mighty Panthers in check in the opening quarter but Ridgeview broke loose in the second. Charles "The Rabbit" Hull got away on a reverse to tote the ball to the Bulls' ten. Andrew Hull, hard-charging fullback, went on to score and Eugene Abernethy kicked the extra point.

The Bulls made a serious threat in the same quarter, Charlie Johnson running to Ridgeview's eight. The Panther line stood like a stonewall, however, and in four plays forced

the Bulls back to the twenty.

Early in the third quarter, Andrew Hull recovered a Bull fumble in mid-air and galloped forty yards to score. Again Eugene Abernethy converted the extra point.

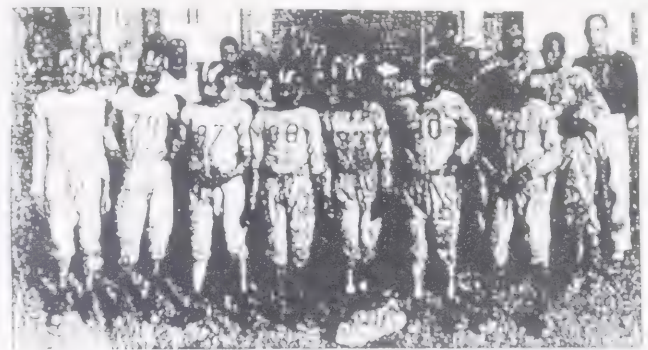
The final Panther score was 20. Charlie Hull on a reverse which put the ball on Oaklawn's five, Noah Deal, quarterback, tore through the Bulls' defense to score.

The Bulls then opened up a passing attack that netted them two touchdowns in seven minutes. George Daniels, their passer, completed then consecutive passes before the surprised Panther eleven recovered.

Patterson, Bost, Walter Shuford and Walter Shade starred offensively for Ridgeview. Abernethy's punts averaged over forty yards and were one of the features of the game.

Ridgeview 0 7 13 0 = 20
Oaklawn 0 0 0 13 = 13

1942 WNC Negro Grid Champions



Here are the Ridgeview High school Black Panthers winners of the 1942 negro football championship in Western North Carolina. The team won six straight games to remain undefeated in conference play.

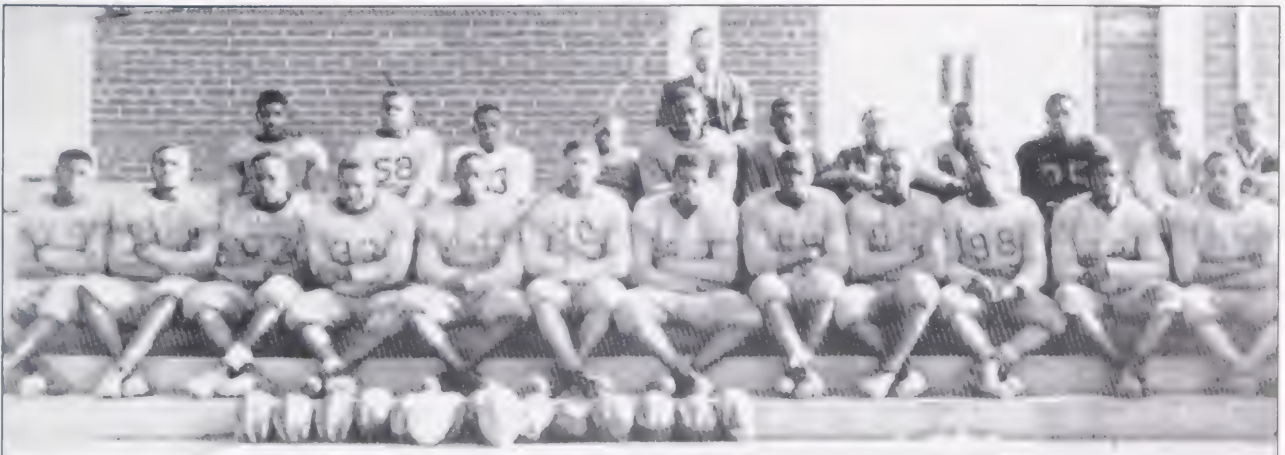
Front row, left to right: George Shuford, Walter Shuford, Gerald Coleman, Charles Hull, Andrew Hull, Noah Deal and Eugene Abernethy.

Second row, left to right: Elane Moore, mascot Fredrick Eckard, mascot Ervin Bost, Richard Longier, John Morris, Walter Shade, and Eugene Patterson.

New rows: Professor A. W. Booker, head of the school; Clarence Frederick, Manager Clyde Oglesby, Manager Blackburn, Shuford, Hu Wilford Willong, Harry Le Hoover, Coach Harry Le Faggett, Everett Corpening, Benjamin Reinhardt.

1942 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Coach: H.L. Faggett



Ridgeview Panthers Turn Back Olive Hill, 7 to 0

Morganton Foe Falls As Locals Capture Fifth Straight

Ridgeview High school's Black Panthers won their fifth straight game of the 1943 football season by turning back Olive Hill, their traditional foe, 7 to 0, in Morganton Friday night.

The Black Panthers succeeded Olive Hill last year as Northwestern conference champions.

In the last thirty seconds of play, Eugene Abernethy rifled a forty-five yard pass to Charlie Hull for the touchdown. The try for the extra point was blocked but Shade covered the bounding ball in the end zone to make the final score seven to nothing, nevertheless.

The Black Panthers have been scored on but thrice this season.

Outstanding for the defending champions last night were Coleman, Andrew Hull, and E. Abernethy, offensively, and Benny Shade and Wilfong defensively.

Robert Caldwell, fullback, was the principal star for Olive Hill.

Starting lineups:

Ridgeview	Pos.	Olive Hill
Shuford	LE	Davis
Ivory	LT	Carpenter
Morris	LG	McDaniel
Wilfong	C	A. Carpenter
Shade	RG	Peterson
Sudderth	RT	P. McDaniel
Hull	RE	Chambers
N. Deal	QB	Erwin
Abernethy	LH	
Coleman	RH	Wright
A. Hull	FB	Caldwell

Ridgeview Beats Salisbury, 2-0

Conference Champions End Season

Price's Quarterback Leaps Off Field In Taking Pass From Center

A safety in the last two minutes of play gave the Ridgeview High school Black Panthers, defeated but once this season, a 2 to 0 victory over the strong Price High Tigers of Salisbury on Lenoir-Rhyne College field here Wednesday night.

It was the final game of the 1943 season for the Panthers, champions of the Northwestern conference since 1942. The local eleven defeated the Tigers 6 to 0, in Salisbury last Thursday afternoon.

Ridgeview's victory last night was a breath-taking gift from Lady Luck. As the duel, and it was just that, was nearing its climax, Chambers, Price quarterback, leaped up in the edge of the end zone to take a pass from center. It was too high and he landed off the playing field, thereby registering a safety for Ridgeview.

The Tigers defeated Morningside of Statesville, the only team to beat the Panthers this season, and that made last night's victory all the sweeter.

Fumbles Prevent Score

In last night's game, costly and untimely fumbles kept the locals from scoring on several occasions, but Price was held back from the Ridgeview goal line despite the hard driving of here fleet-footed backfield aces. In the second quarter, Price completed a long pass to put the ball on Ridgeview's thirty, but Abernethy intercepted a second pass to stop the threat.

The entire first half was a see-saw kicking duel between Abernethy of Ridgeview and Chambers of Price.

In the third quarter, W.J. Shuford, Panther left end, took a pass from Abernethy which put the ball on Price's five-yard line. Coleman, left half, fumbled on the next play, however. After Price had kicked out, Deal

and Andrew Hull started ripping holes in her defense but again Coleman fumbled.

Abernethy Stars

With three minutes left to play Abernethy returned a punt fifty yards, but three passes failed to click and Abernethy kicked out of bounds on Price's one. Chambers then handed the proud Panthers the safety.

Abernethy stole the show for Ridgeview with his timely and accurate punting and kicking, and Deal and Andrew Hull exhibited plenty of speed and power on driving plays. Chambers and A. Jones stood out for Price offensively, and Miller and Newland defensively.

Andrew Hull, one of five seniors playing last night, is scheduled to report to the army Saturday. The other seniors are, Coleman, W.J. Shuford, Deal and Shade.

The Panthers made seven first downs to Price's five.

Ridgeview	Lineup Pos.	Price
Shuford	LE	Fleming
Hull	LT	Miller
Morris	LG	Newland
Wilfong	C	Hobson
Shade	RG	Johnson
Lutz	RT	Robinson
Campbell	RE	F. Jones
E. Abernethy	QB	Chambers
Coleman	LH	Camps
Sudderth	RH	Graham
A. Hull	FB	A. Jones

Score by quarters:

Price	0	0	0	0—0
Ridgeview	0	0	0	2—2

Ridgeview Loses To 'Jackets, 0-17

Minus the services of three of their regulars, the Ridgeview High school Black Panthers of Hickory bowed before the Olive Hill Yellowjackets at Morganton, 17 to 0, in a post-season game played at Morganton Friday night.

Sweeper plays and a couple of safeties gave the Yellowjackets the victory, Ridgeview's coach told The Record today.

Panthers Prepare For Friday's Big Homecoming Game

Ridgeview High school's big homecoming game will be played on Lenoir Rhyne College Field at eight o'clock Friday night with Lincolnton furnishing the opposition. It will also be the final game of the 1944 season for the Panthers.

Ridgeview is making great plans for the homecoming event, which is expected to be jammed full of both action and color.

Panthers Battle Lincolnton, 8 P.M.

Ridgeview High school's Black Panthers will observe homecoming on Lenoir Rhyne College Field at eight o'clock tonight, with Lincolnton furnishing the opposition.

It will be the final game of the 1944 season for the Black Panthers, which is serving also to heighten interest.

The Panthers are one of the stronger powers in their conference, though not quite as strong as 1943.

As usual, a large crowd of white fans will likely attend the game.

1944 PANTHERS



PANTHERS PLAY HERE AT 8 P.M.

Ridgeview High school's Black Panthers are scheduled to play their first home game of the 1944 football season on Lenoir Rhyne College Field at eight o'clock tonight, with Morningside of Statesville furnishing the opposition.

In their opening game last Friday night, the Panthers lost to Cleveland High of Shelby, 7 to 0, despite the fact they more than tripled the first downs.

Morningside is one of the Panthers' oldest foes and, as a consequence, a good game is expected to be waged this evening.

The Panthers' probable starting lineup is as follows:

Campbell, left end; Ivory, left tackle; Gabriel, left tackle; Eckard, center; Sharpe, right guard; Simpson, right tackle; Wilson, right end; Moore, quarterback; Sudderth, left half; K. Sharpe, right half; and Abernethy, full-back.

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PANTHERS LOSE PLAY OFF GAME

With four minutes remaining in the contest, West Charlotte High school's football team drove forty-seven yards for a touchdown to defeat Ridgeview Black Panthers, 13-6, in a game played in a driving rain on College Field here Tuesday night.

The contest was a play-off game scheduled to determine the champion of the negro High schools in Western North Carolina District. The loss eliminated the Black Panthers from the state championship and gives them a record of ten victories and one tie game. Their fine record establishes the Panthers as champions of the Northwest conference, and runners-up in the Western District.

Hindered by rain and mud, both teams put on a defensive battle in the first quarter, but in the second period Fullback Lewis Sharp broke through center and fullback for a 100-yard touchdown. The Panthers' outstanding candidate for All-State honors would-be tacklers in the secondary to the run the best of the game. The play climaxed a 73-yard drive, but the Panthers were unable to score on the final play.

Change To "T"

At the single wing to the "T" formation, West Charlotte tied the score in the third quarter with a 35-yard march. The visitors added the extra point on a line charge.

At Charlotte clinched the victory in the closing minutes through the efforts of Fullback Lewis Sharp and full-back used in the drive. The Panthers' defense was unable to stop the visitors from scoring on a 35-yard drive. The Panthers' defense was unable to stop the visitors from scoring on a 35-yard drive.

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PANTHERS DEFEAT LINCOLNTON, 51-0

Ridgeview High school's Black Panthers were a proud lot today as the result of a 51 to 0 squashing of Lincolnton at the latter's big home-coming football classic Tuesday night.

Taking the bull by the horns, Ivory, wing-footed and iron-shouldered fullback, chalked up a grand total of thirty points for the Panthers, who will wind up their 1946 football season on College Field next Tuesday night with a big home-coming contest against the powerful Olive Hill Yellow Jackets of Morganton.

In last night's scoring fest, Caldwell, quarterback, Curry and Frederick, left halves, rاند up six points each; Killian, left half, seven points; and Stevens, right end, one point.

The Panthers, victorious over Lincolnton, 63 to 0, earlier in the season, were never in hot water last night, running up a score fast as a guy's income mounts when his rich aunt dies and leaves him a nice pot of gold.

The starting lineups were as follows:

Ridgeview	Pos.	Lincolnton
Corpening	LE	R. Randleman
Sharpe	LT	Morrison
Foster	LG	Skelly
Rankin	C	Rhinehart
Gabriel	RG	Stover
Warlick	RT	Poston
Giles	RE	Diamond
Caldwell	QB	Young
Curry	LH	Friday
Hunter	RH	E. Hunter
Ivory	FB	Taylor

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RIDGEVIEW DEFEATS FREEDMAN GRIDDERS

Coach Jerry Johnson's Ridgeview Panthers defeated the Freedman Blue Devils of Lenoir, 21-0, on touchdowns here Friday night. Extra points were made by Giles, Horton and Rowe.

The Ridgeview Panthers need only a win over Morganton to clinch their Western North Carolina Class B title and entitle them to meet a representative from the East in the playoff for the state Class B championship. The championship tilt will be played here November 17.

Ridgeview goes to Morganton next Friday night for the crucial Western District battle.

Ridgeview Scores Easy 34-6 Win Over Lenoir

The Ridgeview Panthers defeated the Lenoir Blue Devils, 34-6, in a game played in a driving rain on College Field here Tuesday night.

The Panthers' defense was unable to stop the visitors from scoring on a 35-yard drive. The Panthers' defense was unable to stop the visitors from scoring on a 35-yard drive.

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HICKORY DAILY RECORD 1947

Black Panthers Nip Statesville By Score Of 6-0

A fifteen-yard heave by the Panthers' Ivory, wing-footed and iron-shouldered fullback, chalked up a grand total of thirty points for the Panthers, who will wind up their 1947 football season on College Field here Tuesday night.

Snatching half-back Caldwell's aerial contribution from the ether, Hill, quarterback, sped forty-five yards to give the Panthers their second triumph of the season against as many set-backs.

Out-pointed by the visitors, the Panthers pulled themselves out of the mire and tossed the ball into a touchdown.

Team Lauded

Delighted over the close victory the Panthers coach declared today that his entire team performed well and stated that Dalton, a left-handed passer, was the sensations for Statesville.

The Panthers are scheduled to play Lincolnton next Tuesday night and Olive Hill of Morganton November 5 in the locals' big homecoming event. The Panthers beat Lincolnton earlier this year 63 to 0.

The starting lineups last night:

Ridgeview	Pos.	Statesville
Corpening	LE	Kane
Sharpe	LT	Stover
Foster	LG	Skelly
Eckard	C	Rhinehart
Gabriel	RG	Stover
Warlick	RT	Poston
Giles	RE	Diamond
Hill	QB	Young
Ivory	LH	Friday
Caldwell	RH	E. Hunter
Killian	FB	Taylor

HICKORY DAILY RECORD 1948

PANTHERS DRUB LENOIR, 35 TO 2

Ridgeview Black Panthers defeated Lenoir Blue Devils, 35-2, in a game played in a driving rain on College Field here Tuesday night.

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Ridgeview Field Voted Lights Now Used At L.R.

Piedmont Foundation To Make Gift; Cash Needed For Installation

Plans were made to provide a lighting system for the Ridgeview athletic field Monday afternoon when the Trustees of the Piedmont Educational Foundation voted unanimously to donate the present lighting system at Lenoir Rhyne college stadium to the Ridgeview school for school and community use, it was announced today by Max R. Steelman, secretary and treasurer of the foundation. As a result of this action, several thousand dollars worth of equipment consisting of ninety 1500-watt lighting units together with fixtures, poles and accessories were made available to the colored community at the meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce quarters.

The lighting equipment is being donated by the trustees of Lenoir Rhyne college in appreciation of the generous support given to the college by the citizens of Hickory. President Carl V. Cline, of the Foundation, speaking on behalf of the trustees of the college, thanked the members of the Foundation for the work they are doing and the community for its generous contributions to the college and its athletic stadium.

To Furnish Transformers

Frank L. Fox, local manger of the Duke Power Company, announced that his company had agreed to

furnish several thousand dollars worth of new transformers for the new lighting system at the college and he said the present transformers at the college will be made available for the lighting system at Ridgeview school.

The lighting system was made available to the colored school on condition that the various civic organizations of Hickory would sponsor the transfer and installation of the lighting system at an approximate cost of \$2,000. Committees from the Hickory Lions club and the Hickory Junior Chamber of Commerce were present and expressed enthusiasm in behalf of their clubs for the project. They invited committees from the other civic clubs to meet with them in the Chamber of Commerce quarters Friday evening at five o'clock to work out the details of providing the necessary funds and supervising the installation of the lighting system.

Voice Appreciation

Taft Broome, principal of Ridgeview school, and George Mitchell, representing the colored citizens, expressed their appreciation to the Foundation and college for this lighting system which will make it possible to develop a well-rounded outdoor recreational and athletic program within the colored community. They also thanked local civic clubs for their willingness to undertake the installation of the lighting system. It was pointed out that football, baseball, softball, and other outdoor community recreational activities could be sponsored for the benefit of the colored community. The Ridgeview school gymnasium adequately accommodates the indoor community activities, it was stated.

Charles A. White, chairman of the Hickory school

board, when informed of the action taken at this meeting, expressed the approval of the school board for the gift of the lighting system and for the installation at Ridgeview field.

The group requested the lighting engineer of the Crouse-Hinds Electric company, which is supplying new equipment at College Field, to prepare a lighting lay-out for the Ridgeview field. It was agreed that certain labor needed for the installation would be furnished by the colored people, and that the old lighting fixtures would be completely renovated and re-painted by the students of vocational education at Ridgeview school.

College Project

It was also announced that approximately \$9,500 worth of new lighting equipment had been delivered at the college stadium and that this equipment is now being installed by the contractor, who stated that the new 176 unit lighting system would be completely installed before the beginning of the Spring baseball season.

After the meeting a committee of the Piedmont Educational Foundation consisting of D.S. Menzies, C. B. Scott, Clarence Stasavich and Mac R. Steelman visited the Ridgeview school field and it was agreed that in addition to the lighting system the field needed some grading work, seats for spectators and repairs to the fence.

Trustees of the Foundation present at the meeting included C.V. Cline, D.S. Menzies, C.B. Scott, John G.H. Geitner, Dr. Glenn R. Frye, L.P. Frans, Frank L. Fox, D. Miles Aderholdt and Max R. Steelman.

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PANTHERS TRIP IREDELL SQUAD

Ridgeview High school's Black Panthers boosted their percentage to an even 500 by trimming Morningside High of Statesville 18 to 7, in Statesville Thursday night.

The Panthers, victorious over Morningside here two weeks ago, 37 to 0, scored their touchdowns in the first half and Holden scored the lone touchdown of the losers in the second half and rang up the extra point. Ben Sudderth, left half, Eugene Abernety, quarterback, scored for the Panthers, who close their season next Friday night with a big homecoming game against Lincolnton.

Many plans are being made for the homecoming event, which will be staged on Lenoir Rhyne College Field, starting at eight o'clock.

PANTHERS CAPTURE STATE GRID CROWN

Coach Jerry Johnson's Ridgeview Panthers have been declared North Carolina champions of Class B High schools by Dr. W.T. Armstrong, at Rocky Mount. Dr. Armstrong is commissioner of the North Carolina Negro High School Athletic association. The state champion was slated to be determined in an East-West playoff tilt, but no Eastern team qualified.

Ridgeview has a 5-0 Class B conference record. The Panthers have a 5-3 overall record, having dropped games to higher class schools. Coach Johnson's squad goes to Charlotte Friday night to battle the Second Ward school in a charity bowl game. The Panthers end the 1950 season with a Thanksgiving Day battle on the Ridgeview Field with Central High of Newton.

1950-1951



Backfield: George Ramseur, Willie Stevenson, George Giles, Billy Rose. Quarterback: Haywood Holmes, Robert Westbrook, E.L. Culbreath, Leon Scott, David Wilson, Lindsey.

RIDGEVIEW BEGINS GRID PLAY TONIGHT

The Ridgeview High school's Panthers will close their 1950 season here tonight at eight o'clock when they take on the tough Class AA Lions of the Piedmont conference from Charlotte.

The tilt is a non-conference affair but promises plenty of excitement due to the keen rivalry between the two schools. Coach Jerry Johnson lost six men from last year's starting line and three from the backfield. He is attempting to rebuild his squad around two ettermen and feels that the game against the much larger school will give his newcomers a wealth of experience.

Probable starting lineup

Robert Thompson	LE	142
Clarence Lindsay	LT	170
David Wilson	LG	181
Leon Scott	C	152
Elia Covington	RG	163
Robert Westbrook	RT	157
Billy Brown	RE	165
Haywood Holmes	QB	150
Billy Rose	LHB	165
George Ramseur	RHB	164
George Giles	FB	160

1951

Ex-Ridgeview Grid Star Captains N. C. Eagles

By ELLIS JOHNSON

The North Carolina College Eagles of Durham who battle Florida State in the Orange Blossom classic in the Orange Bowl tonight will be led into battle by Captain Ernest Warlick, 220-pound end of Hickory. He was a star football and basketball player at Ridgeview. He was all C.I.A.A. last season, as well as All-American.

Warlick has led his Eagles to six wins as against only one loss and one tie this season. His play has been sensational this season. His team has finished second in the C.I.A.A. conference. Warlick's record on the basketball court has been phenomenal.

Ernest's brother, Thurston Warlick, who starred on the Ridgeview team last year, is now playing with the Xavier University team in New Orleans, La. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Warlick of First street SW.

Ridgeview Squad Exhibits Good Spirit, Coach Says

By LAWRENCE SMITH

Coach J.C. Johnson, baseball, basketball, football marbles and ping pong coach at Ridgeview High school here, made a highly informative, humorous and interesting talk before the Hickory Quarterback club Monday night. Coach Johnson was accused of using the "craving towel" but when he completed his story the quarterbacks knew what he meant when he said things are getting hard on the coach at Ridgeview.

Coach Johnson said he has been having an assistant coach, but due to the school's limited finances, this year he will have to carry the entire load. None of his 1961 backfield has ever played football before and with only one coach on hand the practice time must be limited to purely fundamentals. No time is found for work on tangled plays.

Bright Side

But on the bright side of the ledger is the undying spirit of the Ridgeview boys and the fans, the coach told the audience. He said that of the 150 students in the gymnasium, "I could always get forty or forty-five boys for football. They just like to play. They like the game and they have great spirit." The coach said one of his boys had dropped a punt in their last Thursday game here. The next morning the coach drove by the field and there was the boy out there practicing catch punts - without any urging from by the coach. Mr. Johnson said he felt this was a sign of spirit and a desire to win.

Coach Johnson told something of his life, which began in the school system. He was born in

RIDGEVIEW DEFEATS NEWTON TEAM, 32-0

By ELLIS JOHNSON

NEWTON, Nov. 23 — Ridgeview's mean Panthers from Hickory blasted Central High's Hornets 32-0, here Wednesday afternoon in the two schools annual Thanksgiving holiday classic. The game was moved to Wednesday from Thursday. Coach Jerry Johnson's Hickory squad were fired up for the win over their arch rivals from the county seat city.

Led by their fine play, the Panthers scored in every quarter but the last. Three touchdowns came on brilliant running by Fullback George Ramseur and Ends Billy Brown and James McNeill, who each raced 45 yards for their touch downs. The other two markers came on sensational catches by Ends James Pope and Billy Brown.

The Panthers have accepted a bid to play in a bowl game here on December 1. The other team has not been named definitely, but is believed to be Second Ward of Charlotte. Further details of this game are expected to be forthcoming in a few days.

FACTS AND FIGURES

	Ridgeview	Central
Yards Rushing	156	24
Yards Passing	137	11
Passes Attempted	13	11
Passes Completed	5	3
First Downs	8	4
Passes Intercepted	1	0
Fumbles	2	3
Opp. Fumbles Rec.	3	1
Penalized	50	0

Scoring Summary	
Ridgeview	13 12 7 0—32
Central	0 0 0 0—0

Scoring TD's: Brown 2, Pope, Neill, Ramseur
PAT: Giles, Neill 2

1951

PANTHERS HIT TARBORO TEAM ON GRIDIRON

Santa Claus, Bands Lead Parade Through Town In Yale Spirit

NEWTON, Dec. 1 — Two of North Carolina's top colored High school football teams square off on the High school field here tonight at seven-thirty o'clock in the Third Annual Glove Bowl. Ridgeview's powerful Panthers will meet Pattillo High of Tarboro in the big clash.

The game sponsored by the Newton-Conover Optimist club this year has aroused unusual interest. Officials say the game promises to be the best of the Glove Bowl games so far. It'll be the East against the West, so to speak.

A colorful parade will precede the grid battle at six-thirty o'clock.

Four High school bands will be in the parade through downtown Newton. The bands are Ridgeview of Hickory, Central of Newton, Newton-Conover High and Mooresville. Leading the parade will be the bands the school queens and then Santa Claus riding in a big sleigh pulled by real live ponies. Santa will be tossing candy to the boys and girls on the sidewalk. The event will mark the coming of the Christmas season to Newton and the decorated street lights will be turned on. The parade will come up South College circle the square and then proceed to the High school park for the game.

Ridgeview is runner-up to the state champion team of Nash County which nosed out the Panthers 7-6 in a playoff game recently. In an early season conditioner Ridgeview dropped a tilt to Class AAA Carver High of Winston-Salem, but otherwise the Panthers' slate is clean. The powerful Hickory crew racked up 215 points to the opponents thirteen, and Ridgeview blanked five of its seven regular opponents.

Scores

Here are the scores for Ridgeview games this season: Wins Lincoln Academy of Kings Mountain, 45-0; Olive Hill of Morganton, 42-0; Logan High of Concord 35-0; Ninth Avenue High of Hendersonville, 26-6; Reid High of Belmont, 26-0; Central High of Newton 32-0.

End Billy Brown led the Ridgeview scoring with sixty-four points.

Pattillo High's wins Franklin County Training school of Lewisburg, 6-0; Hawkins High of Warrington 6-0; Epps High of Greenville, 26-6; Edenton, 47-0; West Street High of New Bern (Class AAA school) 42-7; and Jones High of Washington, NC, 7-6. Nash County downed Pattillo, 19-13 and Pattillo beat Newton 10-0.

Ridgeview Football Roster

Name	Pos.	Wt.
x James McNeill	End	180
x Clarence Lindsay	Tk	170
x David Wilson	Gm	180
x Leon Scott	Gen	150
x Theodore Dodge	Gm	170
x Norris Johnson	Tk	160
x Billy Brown	End	165
James Raye	End	140
Bobby Rowe	End	149
James Pope	End	160
Charlie Crutchfield	Tk	160
Jimmy Hull	Gen	160
Robert Shuford	Tk	160
Howard Vason	Gm	160
Eugene Williams	Gen	160
Nathaniel Wilson	Gen	139
Sonny Rose	Gen	160
x Robert Thompson	QB	160
Bobby Thompson	LHB	160
x Robert W.	RHB	160
x George Ramseur	QB	160
Emanuel Witherspoon	QB	160
Robert Corpening	RHB	160
Linwood Hester	LHB	160
x Louis With	QB	160
Sterling D.	QB	160
George O.	QB	160
x L. O.	QB	160

PANTHERS LOSE TITLE BATTLE

By ELLIS JOHNSON

ROCKY MOUNT, Nov. 17 — Nash County Training school nipped Ridgeview's Panthers of Hickory 7-6, in a clash here Friday afternoon to decide the North Carolina champion in class AA play. The thrilling contest was hard fought and Coach J.C. Johnson said he was proud of the spirit displayed by his team.

Ridgeview had plenty of troubles before the game got underway. Bus trouble ten miles from Statesville required the squad to return to Newton for another bus in order to continue the 250 mile trip. Because the squad was late it was necessary to dress on the bus between Raleigh and Rocky Mount. The Panthers went into the game with only a five minute warmup.

Coach Johnson said he was well pleased at the fight put up by the Panthers, especially under the circumstances. The visitors fought hard from the opening whistle. End Billy Brown carried the ball down to the five yard line on a pass play, although he was suffering from an injury in the side and leg. The Panthers missed out on several scoring opportunities, however, George Ramseur plunged over from the two for the Panthers' score.

Scouts from several colleges were on hand and appeared much impressed by the Panthers. Four of the Hickory boys were offered full scholarships. Two of the boys are not yet Seniors.

Next Wednesday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock Ridgeview will battle Central's Hornets in Newton. The game was first set for Thursday afternoon, then Wednesday night and now is set for Wednesday afternoon.

Facts and figures:

	Ridgeview	Nash
Yards Rushing	178	23
Yards Passing	103	104
Pass Completed	6	3
Pass Attempted	19	8
Pass Intercepted	2	0
Fumbles	3	3
First Downs	13	7
Penalized	30	30
Score by periods:		
Ridgeview	0 0 6 0 6	
Nash County	0 7 0 0 7	

RIDGEVIEW ROCKS PRICE HIGH, 13 TO 0

By ELLIS JOHNSON

The Ridgeview Panthers remain undefeated today as they defeated the Red Devils of Price High school by a score of 13 to 0, Thursday night. The coach stated after the hard fought victory that they were well pleased with the fine way the Ridgeview team showed when Price had a golden scoring chance on a Ridgeview fumble. Price carried the ball down to the Ridgeview two yard line, and goal to go, but the Panthers held and took over on the one foot line to remain scored on so far this season. The Panthers' first score came on a Price fumble on their fifteen yard line Fullback George Olglesby carried over for Ridgeview in two plays. The try for the extra point was no good, Ridgeview lead at halftime, 6-0.

During halftime, Captain Emanuel Witherspoon crowned Miss Barbara Finger of the senior class Miss Ridgeview. Ridgeview kicked off to Price to begin the second half. Price fumbled on their own 45. Quarterback Thompson moved his team down to the two yard line where he dived in the end zone on a quarterback sneak. His try for the extra point was good, and Ridgeview led 13-0. There was no scoring in the fourth period. Ridgeview made seven first downs to Price's four.

Ridgeview Takes 13-0 Win In Glove Bowl; Accepts Bid To S.C. Classic

By ELLIS JOHNSON

NEWTON, Dec. 3 — Ridgeview's Panthers of Hickory racked up touchdowns in the third and fourth quarters here Saturday night to down Pattillo High of Tarboro 13-0, in the Third Annual Glove Bowl. Charles England, a native of Newton is coach of the Trojans who was blanked by the strong Ridgeview club.

The Panthers entered the contest Saturday as slight favorites. The Panthers took the kickoff and the second half and didn't give up the ball until they had crossed into pay dirt. Robert Westbrook scored from the fifteen yard line.

A bonus marker came in the fourth quarter after a sustained drive down field. Fullback George Ramseur drove over the two yard line. Bobby Thompson passed to Billy Brown for the extra point.

Coach Jerry Johnson stated in an interview after the game that he was well pleased with the very fine line play and the hard running of the backs, and especially the fine quarterbacking in the second half by Robert Thompson.

The Panthers have accepted a bid to play in a Lions Bowl Game Wednesday against Sims High in Union, S.C. The Panthers will be up against boys a little older than themselves due to the fact that the South Carolina Conference age limit is slightly higher than that in North Carolina. The Panthers had not intended to play in another bowl, but accepted the bid to the Palmetto state in order to help the Lions in their noble work in that community.

A correction is due concerning the banquet given the Ridgeview squad last week. The fete was given by the Elks instead of the Legionnaires.

Facts and Figures of Glove Bowl:

	Ridgeview	Pattillo
First Downs	8	4
Yards Rushing	135	64
Yards Passing	10	51
Passes Attempted	8	7
Passes Completed	2	2
Opp. Pass Inter.	2	0
Yards Penalized	40	5

1953-1954



Coach Brown, Emanuel Witherspoon, James Ray Oglesby, Coach Davis.

1954

RIDGEVIEW WINS OVER CANTON, 14-0

By ELLIS JOHNSON

The Ridgeview Panthers defeated the Reynolds Tigers Tuesday night at Canton, 14-0, in the opening game for both schools.

Canton received the opening kickoff and after three attempts to dent the Panther line, were forced to punt. An offside penalty against Ridgeview nullified the kick and Canton gained a first down. The Tigers were again forced to kick and Ridgeview took over on its own 10.

A bad pass from center gave Canton its scoring chance on the Panthers 21. Ridgeview held and took over the ball. During most of the first half play, both teams engaged in a punting duel. With four minutes left in the half the Panthers took over on its own 37-yard line and marched to the Canton 5 where they lost the ball on downs.

In an attempt to run the ball from his own end zone Coleman of Canton was nailed by James Oglesby for two points as the half ended and Ridgeview led, 2-0.

Fine line play and the running of Caesar Frederick sparked the Panthers to a quick touchdown in the opening minutes of the third quarter to lead, 8-0.

Panther center Rowe set up the final score as he intercepted a Tiger pass in the last few minutes of the game. Tailback Joe Saddler then skirted right end for the tally.

Ridgeview had 9 first downs to Canton's 3 while piling up 183 yards by rushing to the Tigers' 52.

Ridgeview	0	2	6	6—14
Canton	0	0	0	0—0

1953-1954



Front row: Coach Davis, Howard Heard, Eugene Williams, Louis Witherspoon, Bobby Rowe, Emanuel Witherspoon, Bobby Thompson, Cecil Frederick, Coach Brown. Second row: Lance Hewitt, George Oglesby, Curtis Davis, Ralph Childs, James Ray Oglesby, Benny Abernethy. Third row: Bubba Reid, Wright Cade, Jr., B. Hardhaw, Richard Lyles, Melvin Connor, Frank Sudderth. Fourth row: Charles Williams, Tommy Davis, T. C. Harshaw, Sonny Morrison.

1955-1956



Front row: Ralph Childs, Denny Abernethy, Luther Finger, Melvin Connor, Captain Bobby Rowe, Billy Sudderth, George Oglesby and Curtis Davis. Second row: Wallace Dula, Marshall Sudderth, Ivey Dula, William Finger, Robert Pope, James Conley and Caesar Fredericks. Third row: George Johnson, Lonnie Preston, Walter Childs, Charles Williams. Fourth row: Amos Saddler, Trainer. Coaches: Burrell P. Brown and Samuel W. Davis. Tony Killian, Trainer.

1958 PANTHERS



Front row: Coach B.P. Brown. Kneeling: Joe Rankin, Marshall Sudderth, Tommy Sudderth, Ozzie Clay, Billy Hull, Billy Finger, Walter Childs, Charles Holloway, Jimmy Johnson, David Slacks, Charles Frambrough, Coach S.W. Davis. Second row: Billy Primus, Bobby Griffin, Billy Abernathy, Taft Broome, Doug Gaston, Matthew Davis, Bobby Warlick, Richard Hodge, Bobby Killian, Arnold Houston, James Gabriel, Steve Thompson and Robert Turner.

1958

Ridgeview Ends One Of Most Successful Football Seasons

By ELLIS JOHNSON

The Ridgeview High school Panthers have just conducted one of their most successful seasons in the past eight years.

They lost in the play offs for the Western championship to Lexington by a 48-14 score.

The Panthers had amassed a total of eleven straight victories, including a wind over Central of Newton in the final game last year.

Loop Champs

They are the Northwestern Conference champions, and were the co-champions with Spindale last year.

Nine Seniors were on the team that had a record of 10-1-0, as they were undefeated during the regular season.

Co-Captain Walter Childs did a wonderful job keeping up the spirit and leading the play along the forward wall. Co-captain Billy Finger did an overall good job also.

FINAL STATISTICS

Ridgeview	Opponents
2,291	Yards Rushing 1,332
1,971	Passing Yardage 541
44-88	Completions 51-88
15	Fumbles 18
17	Recovered 16
390	Penalties 290

TOUCHDOWNS

	Total	Pts.
Clay	13	78
Finger	11	66
Holloway	8	46
Griffith	3	18
Brown	1	6
Killian	1	6
Primus	1	6

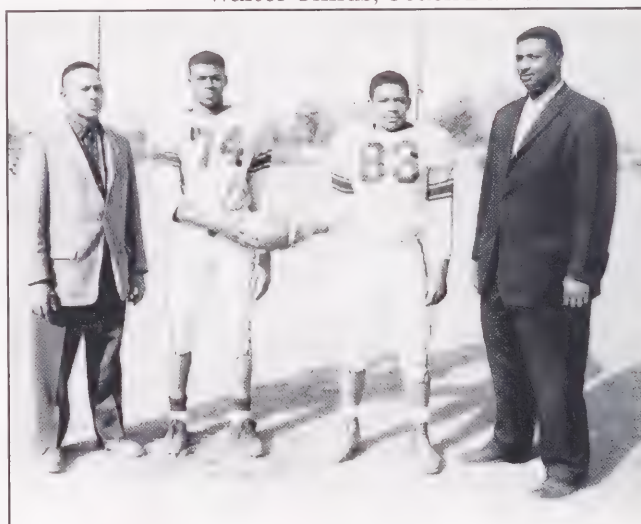
CONVERSIONS

Finger	6	12
Warlick	7	14
Clay	4	8
Stacks	2	4
Frambrough	1	2
Killian	1	2
Griffith	1	2

RUNS

Finger	82 yards TD
Clay	78 yards TD
Warlick	78 yards TD
Finger	68 yards TD
Finger	50 yards TD
Holloway	40 yards TD
Clay	35 Pass Play

1958 Coach Brown, William Finger, Walter Childs, Coach Davis.



1959-1960

Backfield: Charles Holloway, William Finger, Ozzie Clay.
Quarterback: Bobby Warlick.
Center: Marshall Sudderth

Ex-Ridgeview Star Athlete Inks Pact To Play Canadian Football



By ELLIS JOHNSON

Ernie (Hands) Warlick son of Mr. and Mrs. Brice Warlick of 623 First Street, SW recently signed a professional football contract with the Calgary Stampers of the Western Canada Football League. Warlick is a Ridgeview High School graduate, class of 1948.

Ernie was an outstanding athlete in High school, stood high in his class, an Eagle Scout and an aggressive worker in the Friendship Baptist Church.

He attended North Carolina College at Durham where he was also an outstanding student and athlete playing both football and basketball.

Warlick made all CIAA and all American teams. Upon graduating from college he enlisted in the United States Air Force, stationed at Bolling

Field, Washington, D.C. He continued his athletic career in both football and basketball at Bolling Field.

Warlick was named to the All Service team and became known as "Mr. Basketball."

Ernie has another brother Thurston who is a member of the United States Air Force at Charleston, S.C. Air Force Base. He too was an outstanding High School Athlete, attended and graduated from Xavier University at Cincinnati, Ohio. Named to the All Catholic team he is now playing with the Charleston Air Force Base team.

Ernie's baby brother Bobby a Sophomore at Ridgeview, is presently only playing basketball. Ernie signed as an end, the position he played in college and in the Air Force. He is six foot four inches tall and weighs 230 pounds.

From the **PRESS BOX**

By CAL JACOX

(EDITORS NOTE: Sports Editor Cal Jacox is on vacation. This week's From The Pressbox has been written by Malverse Nicholson, a Guide staff writer.)

Ozzie Clay A Redskins "Sleeper"?

There appears to be another "sleeper" (Charlie Taylor caught the eye of the experts earlier) on the roster of the Washington Redskins according to Cal Jacox, who recently visited the NFL club's training camp and then forwarded his notes to the home office via dog sled.

It is generally believed that there is only one guy in the wonderful world of sports flying off at the mouth to the tune of "I am the greatest." But that isn't so. Another has emerged from the Redskins camp and, coincidentally, his name is also Clay but he answers to the moniker of Ozzie. As brash as his counterpart in the boxing world, the latest "I am the greatest" Clay spent his first days with the 'Skins expounding loud claims that he could handle Bobby Mitchell on defense only to have the 'old pro' fake him out of his shoulder pads with his helmet still on.

Nobody expected him to last any length of time with the club but apparently this did not deter the six-foot, 190-pound 16th draft choice, who hails from Hickory, NC and Iowa State University, for found wanting on defense, the challenger of the Louisville Lip promptly revealed his speed on offense in a couple of exhibition games.

After getting nailed twice trying to return punts in a tilt with the champion Chicago Bears, Clay took a third punt and weaved through five Bears for a 14-yard gain. Against the New York Giants, he took one kickoff and galloped 65 yards and hauled another 72 yards after shedding four would-be Giant tacklers. In his first two exhibition appearance Clay, returned five kickoffs for a total of 239 yards or an average of 47 yards per trip. If he can keep going at that pace, the kid from North Carolina will not only catch a permanent berth with the Redskins, he'll also enhance Yon Cassius' theory that the Clays are truly "the greatest" in the world of sportsdom.

1960 CHAMPIONS



N.W.A.C. and W. Division of Western District Runner-up.
Western District Overall Record 10-1, Season Record 10-0. Coach B.P. Brown, Jr.
Co-Captains: Ozzie Clay (LHB); Taft Broome (T); Charles Holloway (FB)

Panthers Are Target Of Opponents After Winning 3 Straight Crowns

By ELLIS JOHNSON
Ridgeview Sportswriter

Ridgeview High Panthers, champions of the Northwestern Conference for the last three years, are faced with a big task as they prepare for their 1961 football season.

Having won three straight conference titles and been state runner-up last year, the Panthers should be the target of every team in the conference.

The incentive is deep with their opponents. Ridgeview has not lost a game in regular season play in the last three seasons and the Panthers foes are getting a little bit tired of it.

14 Letterman Back

However, it looks like another long season for Ridgeview foes. There are 14 veterans back from last year's team which went to the state finals before losing.

Eight of the 14 returnees were starters on last year's fine club. (Nevertheless, the Ridgeview coaching staff has the crying towel out and has already made good use of it.)

"We'll be lucky to play .500 football this year," chime head coach Samuel (Jap) Davis and assistant Roger Shade.

The Panthers again rely on the T formation with quarterback Burrell P. Brown III operating the signal calling slot again this fall.

The fullback spot is developing into a fight between Bobby Stepps, newcomer to Hickory, and Leonard Clay a Junior veteran.

Out of Action

Calvin Burch, a Senior scatback, will be out of action for six weeks. He recently suffered an injured arm.

In the line, Senior tackle Tony Killian, linebacker Edward Clay, a hard-hitting tackler, and James Childs, another linebacker are all expected to play havoc with opposing teams this fall.

Other stars in the line include Thomas Childs, a Junior guard, Nelson Brockenborough, a big sophomore guard and Senior end James Kimball.

The center slot is causing the Panther coaching staff considerable worry. If Donald Bumgarner can fill the shoes of departed Tommy Sudderth then there's nothing to worry about.

Strong teams in that area include: Olive Hill of Morganton, Central of Newton and Freedman of Lenoir.



Key men for the Panthers are (below, left to right), right guard James Childs, right tackle Thomas Childs, center Tony Killian, middle linebacker Edward Clay, and tackle Nelson Brockenborough. At top, coach S. W. Davis works with top backfield men B.P. Brown (left) and Leonard Clay (right). (Ronald Harris Photos).



1963 STATE 2A CHAMPIONS



Front row (left to right): Nathaniel Foster, Donald Williams, James Kimball, Jimmy Turner, Stuart Broome, Leonard Clay, Nelson Brockenborough. Second row: Jesse Ruff, Hubbard Morrison, Douglas Bumgarner, Ervin Thompson, Everette Carson, Thomas Childs, William Roland, Donald Bumgarner, Edward Rogers, Dwight Thompson. Third row: Coach Sam Davis, Curtis Cunningham, Xenophone Lutz, Danny Carter, Craig Wilfong, John Hodge, Tillis Rendelman, Allen Burch, Wilbur Morrison, Edward White, Allen Pope, James Thompson.

Buffalo Bills Strengthened By Famed Ex-Ridgeview QB

By ELLIS JOHNSON

Ernest (Ernie) Warlick, present "tight" end of the Buffalo Bills of the American Football League, is a former football and basketball star of Ridgeview High school.

Ernie, the son of Brice Warlick and the late Mrs. Edna Warlick, is a 1948 graduate of Ridgeview. In his high school football days he played both quarterback and end. His playing won him a reputation that followed him by his fellow teammates.

Born on Jan. 31, 1932, Ernie grew up in Hickory and became interested in scouting. He rose to the rank of Eagle Scout of Troop 10 and became an active member of the Baptist church.

Won Various Honors

From the Ridgeview campus, he attended North Carolina college at Durham.

After graduation, Ernest joined the Air Force. He played end on the football team and participated in basketball. He received All-CIAA and All-American honors while playing football.

After graduation, Ernie enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Bolling Field, Washington, D.C., where he continued his career in both football and basketball as a member of the base teams. Named to the All-Service team, Ernie became known as "Mr. Basketball."

Upon release from the service in 1957, he signed with the Calgary Stampers of the Western Canadian League as an end. Then, in 1962, Ernie signed with the Buffalo Bills, who outbid other American and National football league teams for his services.

Ridgeview great was the Bills' leading receiver with 35 catches. In '63 he totaled 24. Before his trade to the Bills, Ernie was named All-Pro twice in the Canadian Football League.

Ernie has two brothers who are also athletes.



ERNEST WARLICK

was a former Ridgeview great who also played football and basketball. He continued his athletics through college. Before his graduation from Xavier University at New Orleans, La., Thurston was named to the All-Catholic team. He also served in the Air Force and is now a physical therapist at the Veterans hospital in Newark, N.J.

Brother Follows Example

Ernie's youngest brother Bobby, traced the exact steps his brother had made while at Ridgeview. He attended college at Denver University in Denver, Colo., Pueblo Junior college at Pueblo, Colo., and Peppeldine college at Los Angeles, Calif. He was voted to the All-Tourney basketball team and eventually to the National Junior College Basketball team.

Ernest is married and the father of two children. He wears Number 84 on the Bills uniform and remains stationary at this end position.

Panthers Set To Do Battle With Dunbar

By ELLIS JOHNSON

The Ridgeview Panthers are set to battle the Dunbar High team of East Spencer on the Dunbar field tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

The two teams' records are as follows:

Dunbar

Dunbar 30, Belmont 6
Dunbar 22, Monroe 0
Dunbar 24, Stateville 0
Dunbar 12, Kannapolis 0
Dunbar 8, Lexington 38 (3A)
Dunbar 30, Salisbury 6 (3A)
Dunbar 36, Mt. Airy 0
Dunbar 2, Thomasville 0
Dunbar 2, Asheboro 0

Ridgeview

Ridgeview 40, Huntersville 0
Ridgeview 56, Wilkesboro 0
Ridgeview 52, Spindale 0
Ridgeview 22, Lincolnton 0
Ridgeview 44, Canton 0
Ridgeview 32, Lenoir 0
Ridgeview 36, Mt. Airy 0
Ridgeview 32, Morganton 0
Ridgeview 36, Newton 0
Ridgeview 52, Salisbury 0

Ridgeview, Central Clash Slated Here Friday Night

By ELLIS JOHNSON

The Ridgeview Panthers and the Central High Yellow Jackets are set for the most important football game - at least one of them - of the season this week. On it rides the Northwestern Conference Championship, and the Western North Carolina District II championship.

Last week the Panthers defeated the Olive Hill Yellow Jackets of Morganton, 82-0. The Yellow Jackets were the Western North Carolina District I champions and had a good chance at the Northwestern conference championship until the Panthers went to Morganton and pulled the championship rug from under them.

While the Panthers were at Olive Hill of Morganton the Central High Hornets of Newton had their hands full trying to stay undefeated as they barely got by Reynolds High of Canton 16-13. (Earlier reports had the score reversed). It seems that the Hornets were overlooking the Reynolds Tigers and pointing to this Friday's clash with the Panthers in Hickory.

The Ridgeview Panthers have won the western Conference Championship every year since 1958 and went through the regular 1960 season undefeated and won the District II championship and lost a regular season game since 1957.

Ridgeview and Central score since 1955:

Ridgeview 54 - Central 0	1955
Ridgeview 38 - Central 0	1959
Ridgeview 46 - Central 0	1960
Ridgeview 30 - Central 0	1961
Ridgeview 24 - Central 14	1962
Ridgeview 24 - Central 14	1963

The Ridgeview Panthers' rushing backs are as follows. (This does not include the quarterbacks).

	Total Rushing	Touch- downs
Bennett	1,175	10
Burch	658	7
E. Cunningham	589	3
Abernethy	151	1

Total of the four backs rushing 2,576

Total touchdowns for the four: 35

Ex-Ridgeview Grid Great, Now Playing With Redskins

By ELLIS JOHNSON

Ozzie Clay a defensive back for the Washington Redskins is a 1959 graduate of Ridgeview.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Clay, formerly of Hickory but now of Charlotte, Ozzie scored 25 touchdowns during his last two years at Ridgeview. His greatest year was 1958 as he scored 14 touchdowns.

He placed second in the longest punt return in the state, an eighty-eight yard run. He was third in the point after touchdown department with four.

Ozzie was on the all-state team of 1959 and on the All-Northwestern Conference team of 1958 and 1959. He was also a member of the Northwestern Conference Championship team District Class AA Champions that lost to Dunbar High of Lexington in 1958 in Hickory 48-14, and 12-6 in Lexington in 1959.

Picked Iowa

From the campus of Ridgeview, after considering a large number of athletic scholarships, which included every major Negro college of the CIAA and University of Indiana, he attended the Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, on a scholarship. He played on both offense and defense there. He carried the ball 74 times for a total of 811 yards. He threw eight passes and completed four for a total of 63 yards.

Ozzie is six feet tall and weighs



OZZIE CLAY

weighs 175 pounds. He was drafted on June 30 of this year by the Washington Redskins.

His younger brother Leonard is a member of Maryland State College Team of Princess Anne, Maryland, of the CIAA conference. He is on a Athletic scholarship. His middle brother Edward is a barber in Charlotte. All three boys are graduates of Ridgeview.

1964-1965 STATE 2A CHAMPIONS "THE UNTOUCHABLES"



Front row (left to right): Lindsey Parks (not pictured), Hubbard Morrison, Mitchell Anthony, James Thompson, Xenophone Lutz, Douglas Bumgarner, John Hodge, Allen Pope, Dwight Thompson, Edward Cunningham, Craig Wilfong, Harrison James. Second row: Coach Sam Davis, Detroit Rhyne, Roosevelt Corpening, Danny Carter, Curtis Cunningham, Charles Thompson, Tillis Rendalman, John Thompson, Louis Collings, Tommy Euby, Coach Roger Scales. Third row: Jerry Johnson, Hamp Davis, Allen Burch, Willie Boyd, Carroll Carter, Douglas Thompson, Elbert Morrison, Frank Abernethy, Pete Heard, Ollie Parks, Edward White (not pictured), Anthony Parks, Ronald McKnight, Trainer (not pictured).

HICKORY DAILY RECORD

1964

Panthers Take State Title, Finish Season Unscored On

By ELLIS JOHNSON

The amazing Ridgeview Panthers of Hickory set a record at Lenoir Rhyne College Field Friday night as they shut out the Monroe Avenue Tigers of Hamlet, 16-0.

The 1960 team went through 11 games but this team has completed 12 games and ended a perfect season. In it they won the Northwestern Conference, District Class AA (District Two and defeated the District One champion) and defeated the District Three champions for the Western Class AA title Friday.

The Ridgeview Panthers became the North Carolina Negro Class AA champions for the second time. In 1962 they defeated Edenton for the crown on College Field (LR). For Coaches R.W. Davis and Roger Scales it was a happy ending to a dream.

Lost Toss

The Panthers lost the toss and had to kick off to the Tigers. It was returned to the Tigers 35-yard line. Deep in their own back yard the Tigers pulled a quick kick on third down. The ball was put in play on the Panthers 29-yard line behind excellent blocking, halfback Lee Bumgarner carried for 27 yards and again behind excellent blocking halfback Lee Bumgarner carried to the Tigers 14-yard line.

At this point Lee Bumgarner was called on again and carried to the four-yard line. The Panthers attempted to

score on three tries but were pushed back on fourth down from the three-yard line. A Panther fumble was recovered by the Tigers. The Panthers defense soon made the Tigers kick and the Panthers took over on their own 31. A long penalty forced the Panthers back to their own 16-yard line where the Panthers had to kick. The gun sounded ending the quarter.

Halfback James Thompson got off a fine kick to start the second quarter. It was taken on the Tigers 46-yard line. The Tigers moved the ball well, picking up two first downs. On the Panthers 25-yard line, defensive guard Edward White recovered a fumble. Guided by quarterback Allen Pope, the Panthers moved the ball to the Tigers 45.

Plagued by a 15 yard penalty which set the Panthers back to their own 40-yard line, the stout defense of the Tigers pushed the Panthers back to the 36. Once again the Panthers had to call on James Thompson, their fine punter. The punt was returned to the Tigers 30-yard line. The fine offense of the Tigers began to click, picking up two first downs. The Tigers found themselves on the Panthers two-yard line, first and goal to go. The Panthers defense, led by Captain John Hodge, Xenophone Lutz, Charles Redman, Allen Pope and others, stopped the drive of the Tigers on the one-yard line as the gun sounded to end the score-

less half.

The second half kickoff to the Panthers own 15 yard line. Once again the Panthers were moving as fullback Edward Cunningham carried for eight to the 23, but this fine defense of the Tigers forced them to kick once again. James Thompson's kick rolled dead on the Tigers 14 yardline. The Panthers defense held and forced the Tigers to kick, which was taken on the Panthers 40 yardline.

At this point fullback Edward Cunningham raced for 15 yards and a face mask penalty give the Panthers a first down on the 10 yardline. The hard hitting Tigers hit halfback Allen Burch, who fumbled the ball on the Tigers six yard line. The happy Tigers moved the ball down to the Panthers 34 yardline and were pulled down from behind.

The Tigers pass was intercepted by halfback Frank Abernethy and a penalty set the Panthers back to the six yardline.

Pass Intercepted

At this point halfback Lee Bumgarner brought the crowd to their feet as he raced for 59 yards behind good blocking. He was pulled down from behind on the Tigers 35. At this point the explosive Panthers called on halfback Allen Burch, who, behind excellent blocking, raced 35 yards to score a touchdown. Halfback Frank Abernethy added the two pointer.

The kick was returned to the Tiger 30. The Tigers picked up a first down on their own 40 and had another on the Panthers 45 yardline as the third quarter ended.

In the final period the Tigers were on the Panthers 31 yardline as a result of a 15 yard penalty. Then the Tigers fell back to the Panthers 46 yardline due to a fifteen yard penalty. Halfback Frank Abernethy intercepted another Tiger pass on the Panthers 38 yardline.

Once again Panthers quarterback Allen Pope got his team rolling as halfback Allen Burch carried for eleven yards after a nine yard loss. Pope hit Burch on the Tigers 35, then Pope hit Bumgarner on the 10 yardline. An off-side penalty against the Tigers was refused. It gave the Panthers first and goal on the 10 yardline where fullback Edward Cunningham, behind excellent blocking, raced ten yards to score. Quarterback Allen Pope added the two pointer.

From this point the Tigers tried to score. The Stout Panther defense stopped their drives on the Panthers 35 yardline. Quarterback Pope fumbled on the Panthers 46 as the final gun sounded. The untouchable Panthers ended a victorious perfect season.

Remain Undefeated, Unscored On

Panthers Top Shelby, 52-0

By ELLIS JOHNSON

SHELBY—The Ridgeview High school Panthers of Hickory romped over the Cleveland High Tigers here Thursday evening, 52-0. For the lads from Hickory, it ended a perfect regular season with 10 wins and no losses, with on one crossing the Panthers' goal line.

The Panthers lost the toss and kicked off the Tigers to their own twenty eight yard line. Unable to move through the Panther defense, they tried a third down pass which was picked off by fullback Lee Bumgarner. The try for extra point was no good.

The kick off was short and returned to the Tigers forty yard line. From there the Tigers moved the ball on fine runs fashioned with several long penalties to the Panther eight yard line but the hard hitting Panthers line made the ball carrier fumble, and it was recovered by Panther end Dwight Thompson on the ten yard line. The Panthers lost five yards due to a missignal. At that point halfback

Lee Bumgarner brought the ball out to the thirteen. Then like lightning with a couple of key blocks, halfback Allen Burch galloped 87 yards to score. Quarterback All Pope added the extra points, and the Panthers moved into a fourteen to nothing lead.

After the kickoff the gun sounded to end quarter. To start the second quarter, the Tigers had to punt. It was taken by fullback Ed Cunningham and returned to the Panthers forty yard line. At this point the Panther fullback moved for thirty yards. Then the Panthers flashy halfback Lee Bumgarner raced thirty yards to score behind good blocking. Quarterback Pope hit end James in the end zone for the extra point. After the kickoff Panther fullback, Frank Abernethy recovered a fumble on the Tiger forty-nine yard line. At this point Lewis Collins went in as quarterback. Between halfbacks Allen Burch and Lee Bumgarner, they moved the ball to the nineteen yard line, where, behind good blocking, halfback Burch went in to

score. The try for extra point was no good.

After the kickoff play, began on the Panther thirty-six yard line. After losing four yards, fullback Ed Cunningham intercepted a pass and returned it to the Panther forty-two yard line. A long penalty set the Panthers back to the twenty-seven yard line. At that point halfback Frank Abernethy, behind excellent blocking raced seventy-three yards to score. Quarterback Pope threw to end Merriam for a two point.

Kickoff was returned to the Tigers seven yard line, as the halfback.

During the half the fans were entertained by the Cleveland High Band and the Ridgeview Marching Band.

The Tigers kicked off to the Panthers to start the second half with Ridgeview leading thirty-six to nothing at this point. The kickoff was returned by Abernethy to the Panthers thirty-seven yard line. A long penalty set the Panthers back to the twenty-two yard line. At this point halfback James

Thompson got off his first punt of the night, a fine one that carried some sixty yards in the air. The Tigers put the ball in play on their own sixteen yard line. The Panthers pushed them back to the eleven yard line where tackle Xenophone Lutz recovered as fumble on the twelve yard line of the Tigers. At this point quarterback Allen Pope carried it in for the score. The try for extra points was no good.

After the kickoff play began on the Tiger thirty-seven yard line. The Panthers held and forced a punt. A high pass from quarterback recovered at end zone. The Panthers were on the move as quarter ended. The Panthers final touchdown came midway the period on a back Ed Cunningham behind excellent blocking. Quarterback Allen Pope added the extra point.

Panthers were again on the move as the final gun sounded, score Ridgeview 52, Cleveland High 0.

Ridgeview Overcame Obstacles

By ERIC GOLDBERG
Record Sports Writer

Located directly across the street from the Brown-Penn Recreation Center in the Ridgeview section of Hickory, the fenced-in tract of land that serves as a baseball field no longer resembles a bad hair weave.

There was a time, however, when the field was a bad hair weave.

Back then—in the 1950's all the way up to 1966—the field, which served as home of the Ridgeview High School football team, was a bad hair weave.

"It was called the dust bowl," said Sam "Jap" Davis, the Ridgeview High football coach from 1952 to 1966. "There wasn't much grass out there. Whatever patch of grass that was out there didn't make a difference."

For many homes, Davis' teams had few. During a stretch in the late 1950's, when Ridgeview held its opponents scoreless for three straight years, the Panther football team was called the "untouchables."

Those Panther teams were part of a mini-dynasty, spanning from the late 1950's to the early 1960's, that saw Ridgeview win five straight state championships.

The Ridgeview boys basketball team also enjoyed a similar dynasty, dominating over the same span. Though Brown's teams never captured a state title, they were perennial state title contenders and even reached the state finals several times.

It was a time of athletic excellence at Ridgeview. It was also a time of segregation.

From the day Ridgeview, an all-

black high school, opened its doors in 1952, 1960, the school closed its doors. Ever in the spring of 1966, its athletes knew only on style of competition: against their own race.

"In those days, you either went to a white school or a black school," said Brown, who assisted Davis with the football team. "The only time we would cross over was when we went to play the Lenoir-Rhyne (basketball) team every now and then."

"They'd come over and practice, or our boys would go over there. (L.R. coach) Pop Hamlin would be there. I wish I could get some of your guys." But that just wasn't done at the time.

Said Davis, "The kids knew we would never play Hickory High. I don't think (Hickory) wanted to lose to a smaller school."

Ridgeview certainly was small. A 1A school today, Ridgeview didn't duck anyone.

As well as scheduling schools such as Newton, Catawba, Statesville and Lenoir-Rhyne, Ridgeview would play the Charlotte's and Gastonia's of the world. More often than not, the Panther defeated their larger counterparts.

It was an era where players such as Ozzie Clay and Bobby Warlick—both of whom went on to play professionally, Clay with the Washington Redskins and Warlick with the Atlanta Braves—were almost nobody could match Ridgeview's athleticism.

And as the legend of Ridgeview's extraordinary football and basketball teams grew around Hickory, so too did Friday crowds at Panther home games.

"They played some of their games at (Lenoir-Rhyne) college," said Troy Washam, who coached football and base-

ball at Hickory High for more than 35 years before retiring in the early 1980's.

"Everyone in town would go see them. White and black."

Everyone, that is, until Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act forced Hickory's schools to integrate. The school closed its doors for good in the spring of 1966, but not before Ridgeview finished its final season—the fall of 1965.

With the Hickory High football team having won the Western North Carolina championship for the first time, there was no statewide championship for what, at the time, were known as white schools—the stage was set for Hickory's first integrated team to become the school's best ever.

The Hickory team of 1966 lived up to that billing, easily winning another Western North Carolina title.

"That was the most talented team I was ever associated with," Washam said. "We had quite a few players from both championship teams left over from the previous year. We had a new system so we felt it would be easier for them on defense. I don't think we were scored on too much."

But it was on the field where integration seemed to go the smoothest. For Ridgeview residents, who had garnered so much pride from the school athletic success, it was a relief.

Community its own identity, a way of life had come to a crashing halt.

Gone were the days when Ridgeview folks could walk to the old dust bowl. Gone was the opportunity to refer to the Ridgeview players as "their boys." Now there was a Hickory High, and a whole new legion of fans they would have to share their boys with.

"A lot of people in the neighborhood had a chance to see a ballgame," said Davis. "When the school moved across the tracks, people who didn't have transportation couldn't see a game. And in the winter, it would be too cold to walk."

"When you move a school like that, it's a big change."

Both Davis, 70, and Brown, 76, would have to learn to adjust as well. In an age where the South was new to integration, and integration was new to the South, it was a challenge to entrust a black coach at the varsity level.

Davis moved over to College Park Middle School where he assisted Hickory's freshmen football team in addition to helping out with the varsity before retiring in 1982.

"When you move a school like that, it's a big change," Brown said. "Here I am, with over 30 years of coaching experience, and they want me coaching eighth grade. I don't want to coach eighth grade. I want to hire a black varsity coach."

There's much less bitterness left in Davis. To him, integration was an inevitable fact of life and he made the most of it.

So too did Brown. But for both men, it's not hard to decipher which period in their lives was the most difficult.

For Davis, it was the years of the dust bowl. For Brown, it was the years of the dust bowl.

I have a lot of memories of those days at Ridgeview," Brown said. "Everybody knew everybody. My players come to visit me all the time. During the Ridgeview season, each year my house is full of players."

HICKORY DAILY RECORD

Young Brothers Recall Memories Of Other Stars

By ELLIS JOHNSON
Special to The Record

Many local sports fans are watching the Young brothers build a dynasty.

Al, who is a senior at Hickory High, is starring in football, basketball and track. His sophomore brother, Marvin, is a defensive starter for the varsity.

Yet, there is still one more that may be even better than his brothers according to a youth league coach. He is Reggie Young, who now is a member of the Kenworth Indians.

Many fans of the old Ridgeview High School will remember two other sports dynasty families. That would be the Warlicks and the Clays.

The Warlicks began with Ernest "Ernie" Warlick, who played fullback and then converted to end in the 1947-48 seasons. He also was a basketball star at Ridgeview with hands so large he could wrap them around the ball.

Warlick had size 14 feet and wore brogans in a game with Price High of Salisbury. With an open field ahead of him, he was caught from behind because he couldn't move in those big shoes and Ridgeview lost, 6-0.

The next week, the shoe shop did a fine job of putting cleats on the work shoes and things got better.

Ernie Warlick graduated from Ridgeview in 1948 and attended North Carolina College in Durham, now known as North Carolina Central. All-Conference in high school, he made All-American in college football and was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams. He decided instead to play for the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian League and played end there until he joined the Buffalo Bills when the American Football League was formed. Retiring later on, he stayed in Buffalo and has become successful in business there.

Thurston Warlick played only basketball at Ridgeview but averaged well over 30 points per game. Also an all-leaguer in high school, he attended Xavier College in New Orleans and made the All-Catholic college basketball team along with such stars as Seton Hall's Walter Dukes, later a pro stand-out.

Thurston Warlick is now a physical therapist at a veteran's hospital in New Jersey. Like his brother Ernie, he served in the United States Air Force and played service football.

The youngest and perhaps the best all-around athlete of the Warlick brothers was Robert "Bobby" Warlick, who played quarterback in football and was a high scorer also in basketball.

While he was playing, his mother, Edna, passed away the week of an important game. She was buried on Friday afternoon and, that night, Bobby led the Ridgeview Panthers to an impressive victory with the blessing of the mourning family.

Bobby Warlick went to Pueblo Junior College in Colorado where he was a Junior College All-American and

his team won a national championship. He then finished his education at George Pepperdine College in Los Angeles and was drafted by the Los Angeles team for the old American Basketball League.

He later played with the Detroit Pistons, San Francisco, Milwaukee and Phoenix of the National Basketball Association, where the 6-5 Warlick has a career average of some eight points per game. He is now a vice-president with the Parex Corporation in Los Angeles.

The Warlick brothers dad, the late Brice Warlick, never saw his talented sons play ball although the family lived just two blocks from the Ridgeview field. It was different with the Clays, especially their mother, Mrs. Annie Clay. Wherever Ridgeview went, Mrs. Clay went also.

The oldest son, Ozzie, of her three sons was an all-conference runner in football and a track star who also played halfback for Iowa State University. Drafted by the Washington Redskins, he also later played for the Cleveland Browns and then returned to Washington to become a success in business.

Edward Clay was a lineman at Ridgeview and turned down college offers to enter barbering. Today he sells beauty supplies and lives in Charlotte.

Leonard Clay was a fullback and halfback at Ridgeview, a hard runner who set a goal of improving on his brothers records. It often took two or more men to bring him down.

Leonard Clay attended Maryland State University at Princess Anne, now Maryland-Eastern Shore, and also saw action in the pros with the Redskins and Browns. Also living in the District of Columbia area, he is a teacher of industrial arts.

Among the coaches of these players were Jerry Johnson who left Ridgeview to become head basketball coach at LeMoyn College in Memphis, Tenn., and Samuel "Jap" Davis, who is still teaching and coaching at College Park Junior High, where he was assigned after Ridgeview High was closed and its students transferred to Hickory High.

In looking back, it is hard to compare these groups of athletes, but the Warlicks and Clays can say that they would have been standouts at any time. There were many good athletes who wore the Panther uniforms, but the dynasties of Warlicks and Clays stood out.

Incidentally, Ridgeview was the smallest school in its conference. Its 180 high school students made it 2-A, but the league said Ridgeview had to play 3-A because it was too good for 2-A. And records say that this was so, since Ridgeview won many games and titles against bigger schools and families like the Youngs carry on the tradition at Hickory High.

The following excerpts are from an article written in conjunction with Coach Burrell Brown for "The Coaching Clinic" published in August 1963.

"I'd die for dear old..."

DESIRE, PRIDE and the WILL to WIN

Probably the key factor in the development of morale on any team is the personality of the coach. His boys play well for him because they want to. How to develop a winning personality is certainly far beyond the scope of any coaching clinic.

But personality is not everything. Here are some ideas from four coaches in different sports that have helped bring successful records because their boys put out for them,—The Editors.

Get Started Right

Know your boys: The first step in building a strong coach-player relationship is to find out all you can about the boys you have. I recommend that you make up a complete roster of all of your prospective players, and then do these two things:

1. Consult any one or more of these "resource" people to find out all you can about the kind of boy you have: school principal, guidance director, individual teachers, minister, doctor, and so on.

2. Have a casual, informal interview with each boy, which will help you see what kind of person he is. During the interview, encourage the boy to give his viewpoint on the sport; this will tell a lot about attitude.—Burrell Brown.

Let The Group Work For you

Cooperation: You can't induce the average American boy to do your bidding willingly without showing him your need for cooperation. That is why, during the playing season, we have many squad meetings and encourage participation in strategy planning and schedule discussions. Even though player suggestions might not be used, there is created a feeling of being an integral part of an interesting project, rather than that of being a pawn selected to follow a master's inflexible instructions.

SYSTEM CHANGES: I have found that this attitude has been particularly helpful in making drastic changes in offence and defense. All high school coaches have this problem, because material changes from year to year, and it is necessary sometime, because the personnel changes, to abandon a system that has been notably successful. These matters are discussed fully with the squad, and I have always had the best cooperation.—Burrell Brown.

Little Things That Help

Praise: I do not believe that a varsity letter, or other commendation, on an "awards day" is enough for today's athlete. Boys need constant praise and encouragement for outstanding work. I usually try to include a banquet, or cookout, or other similar diversion during a touch season. I think they help cement the coach-player relationship.—Burrell Brown

About the Authors:

BURRELL BROWN, in his last three years as head basketball coach at Ridgeview (Hickory, N.C.) High School, had a 74-5 record. It resulted in three successive league and district championships.

Gridiron Great Set For Hall Induction

By BARBARA BURNS
Senior Accents Staff

At the golden age of 78, he's still known as Coach.

After a lifetime of sports, civics, and athletic honors, Samuel William Davis, Sr., will be anointed with one of the highest accolades of his career when he is inducted into the Catawba Valley Sports Hall of Fame.

Coach Davis, who began his coaching career at age 23, is one of four inaugural inductees who has distinguished himself and made significant contributions to Catawba County sports heritage.

He earned recognition as head football coach of Hickory's former Ridgeview High School for 14 years in the 1950's and 1960's.

Under Coach Davis, the Ridgeview Panthers captured 13 straight conference football championships, winning five state titles, including three consecutive by winning 36 games in a row.

His last three teams were not only state champions but also unbeaten and unscored upon.

A native of North Wilkesboro and a graduate of Winston-Salem State Teachers College (now University), Coach Davis came to Ridgeview in 1952 and coached football and basketball, and later taught at College Park Middle School where he retired in 1982.

Coach Davis moves a little slower now, but he jumps at the chance to reminisce about his years in athletics and academics.

He has the voice, mannerisms, and wit of Bill Cosby, and loves to talk about his years of coaching.

"When I came to Hickory in the school year of 1951-52, we played 17 or 18 boys on the football team," he said. "We started a little winning season," he laughed, "and played 500 ball that year."

The next season the Panthers started with close to 40 players. From that point on, they were always in contention in the old Northwest Athletic Conference.

We had a training program that most coaches wouldn't dare try," he said with a smile.

For the first seven days of practice, the players would run, and run, and run. They ran until they could run five miles in less than 20 minutes.

"When most teams were giving up, we were just getting ready to play," Coach Davis said. "We never

lost a game because we were out of condition."

Coach Davis said he watches the high school boys playing football now.

"They come out and fall down with cramps in their legs, and the coach has to take them out because they don't have that stamina to go any longer," he commented.

Coach Davis said that during those years they had many coaches.

"I was head coach, but everybody that had a boy on that team had several coaches. I set a 9:30 pm curfew for my boys," he said. "If one of them wasn't in the house by then, his mother or father would call me. The boys never knew how I knew when they weren't in, because the parents wouldn't say anything, and I wouldn't either."

That's how close we worked together and it paid off for us."

Coach Davis' last three terms at Ridgeview won consecutive state championships and were unscored upon.

They were called 'the untouchables' because no one could beat them.

After a pep session and prayer, the players would come out onto the field loudly chanting, "Let's go down and get it over with."

"They just got that habit of wanting to win," he reflected. "You've got to want something bad enough to fight for it in order to get it."

Little did Coach Davis know that 1966 was the end of his coaching days at Ridgeview. It was also the end of the Panthers.

Ridgeview High School was closed to carry out the community's goal of racial integration.

When asked to comment on that, Coach Davis replied, "It was a smack in the face, it really was."

Had we been told ahead, it would have been better, but they waited until they were ready to just pull us out, and nobody knew.

Nobody knew it until it was announced at the end of the season."

Coach Davis said that was the year that they gave a championship team to head football Coach Frank Barger at Hickory High School.

"A championship team was handed over to them, and they

couldn't push it over."

Coach Davis said, "I wondered about that many times until I worked with him for a few times."

Coach Davis said he stayed at Hickory High off and on for quite a while.

"Finally I got tired of being pushed down and I told Dr. Wishon, the superintendent, just to send me to College Park Junior High and let me stay," he said quietly.

Coach Davis would call plays when asked, only to have the call changed right before the play commenced.

Coach Davis said it was hard on the players, not to be able to play the position they normally got to play.

"I know you can't have everybody doing what you think they ought to be doing, but the thing about it, you've got to be fair with those boys," Coach Davis said. "I notice the coaches now, they're fair with all the boys. As long as you're fair with them, they're going to work their hearts out for the coaches, and they'll keep working for them."

When Coach Davis went back to College Park, he was assigned to work with Joe Rhyme.

We worked together for 17 years and never had a falling out," he said.

At a pep rally one year, Coach Davis had to leave and go up into the office. When he returned, Coach Rhyme and the team had gone onto the field to be introduced.

"I started down the bank towards the players, and Joe said, 'Now I want to introduce you to the man that makes football go here at College Park,'" Coach Davis said.

"He looked up and said, Coach



Davis come on down.' The whole student body stood up. That's when I found out that I was able to get along with all coaches. Anytime the whole student body stands up for you, you don't have any enemies in that group," he said quietly.

Coach Davis shared his philosophy of coaching.

He believes in giving a quarter back time to learn new plays and giving the second team a chance to play when the game is out of reach. He has never had a player who didn't get a chance to play.

Nowadays, Coach spends time working for his church, delivering meals on wheels, and talking to children.

"The fellas still come and talk to coach both black and white players," Coach said.

Coach admits that if he were still able he would be in school now. It's hard to tell which is the bigger position for him - athletics or the classroom. Up until five years ago he was still substitute teaching at College Park and Grandview.

Coach Davis said he has coached, taught, refereed, and for a number of years worked as a chef at Service America and then at the Charolais Steakhouse.

"I've just lived it all," he said.

Coach Davis will be inducted into the Catawba County Sports Hall of Fame, Monday, May 14.

RIDGEVIEW HIGH BASKETBALL 1942



Left to right: Dennis Rendleman, Floyd Culbreath, Sr. Clarence Fredericks, Wilfred Wilfong, Eugene Abernathy, Coach Faggett, Charlie Hull, William "Bill" Ramseur, Annais Hill, Clyde Oglesby, "Pete" Bost.

N.W.A.C. CHAMPS 1944



Left to right: Andrew Campbell, Elaine Moore, Clyde Oglesby, Eugene Abernathy, William Ramseur. Second row: Dewitt Howell, Bruce Blackburn, Junior Killian, Simpson Bumgarner, Ernest Warlick. Third row: John Morris, Eugene Harold, Anthony Wilson, Coach H.L. Faggett, Pat Killian, Annias Hill, Garfield Connor.

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RIDGEVIEW H.S. STARTING NEW COURT SEASON

Black Panthers' Girl- and Boy Teams Practice

Practice sessions for both the boys and girls basketball teams have begun at Ridgeview colored High school, with Harry Lee Faggett and Miss L.E. Wright again coaching the quintets.

While the practice sessions will continue regularly, it is not expected that the formal schedule of games will be announced until after the Christmas holidays. Coach Faggett is hopeful of another strong Black Panther club. Last year's varsity rang up twenty straight victories before finally losing in the finals of the Northwestern Athletic Conference tournament to Wilkesboro colored High school, 20-17.

Four veterans have returned for another season of play, and it is around them the Black Panther coach is building. Clyde Oglesby, senior and star forward, is back as is Gerald Coleman, regular guard last court season, but now converted into a center.

Shade Returns

In addition to these two, Walter Shade, another senior, has returned and is slated to fill a guard position. Completing the quartet is Eugene Abernethy, star quarterback on the football team, who will play either as a guard or a forward. Eugene was a substitute in 1942.

Promising newcomers are "Big George" Campbell, a freshman, standing six feet one and a half inches, the tallest player on the squad. Elaine Moore, junior, and De Witt Howell, another junior.

Twelve players have been selected for the girls' sextet. The varsity is composed of Myrtle Killian, Ada May Murrill, Bernice McGuire, Gladys Saddle, Gladys Derr, and Mary Morrison. The second team is made up of Pearl Morris, Pauline Hill, Elizabeth Anthony, Helen Wright, Winnie Wilson and Odessa Camp.

Ridgeview Takes Two Cage Games

Ridgeview High school of Hickory opened its basketball season here Thursday night by taking a twin victory from Central High of Newton, the girls winning, 30 to 12, and the boys, 48 to 14.

A Bond Rally was held in connection with the game, any person presenting a bond purchased this week being admitted free. Except for the \$100 bond purchased at the gate by Dr. P.M. Smith, the bond purchases had been made before the game.

Box Scores:

Central Girls

Frazier f (4)
Reinhardt f (4)
Heller f (4)
Lutz g
R. Rhinehardt g
Williams g

Totals ...12

Central Boys

Beatty f (4)
N. Nesbit f (2)
Pouton c (0)
Reid g (0)
Lawrence g (4)
Williams g (4)
Ramseur g (0)
A. Clark g (0)
C. Smith (0)

Totals ...14

Ridgeview Girls

T. Hill f (12)
M.J. Brown f (6)
A. Hall f (6)
E. Deal f (6)
Fulworth g
G. Saddler g
T. Morrison g
M. Carson g
G. Derr g
L. Reinhardt g
J. Jones g

Totals ...30

Ridgeview Boys

Abernethy f (12)
K. Shuford f (2)
E. Moore f (2)
B. Giles f (0)
E. Warlick c (18)
C. Finger c (4)
J.C. Derr g (2)
D. Howell g (4)
Campbell g (4)
A. Jones g (0)
B'garner g (0)
Sudderth g (0)
J. Killian g (0)

Totals ...48

RIDGEVIEW FIVE ANNEXES HONOR AT LOCAL MEET

Asheville Girls Win Title; All-Star Teams Named

For the second consecutive year the Ridgeview High school Black Panthers are the basketball champions of the Northwestern Athletic Conference, having defeated Lincoln Heights boys of Wilkesboro, 48 to 22, here Saturday night in the finals of the annual conference tournament.

Allen Home of Asheville won the girls' championship by defeating Wilkesboro, 8 to 6. Ridgeview and Wilkesboro shared the honors last year.

Allen Home 16, Lenoir 10; Lincoln Heights boy 17, Lenoir 6; Lincoln Heights girls 23, Ridgeview 21; Ridgeview boys 44, Hodgkins High of Marion 19.

All Star Teams

The all-conference teams were named as follows.

Girls—Kearley of Allen Home, forward; Hill of Ridgeview, forward; Knight of Lincoln Heights, forward; Tucker of Olive Hill, Morganton, guard; Derr of Ridgeview, guard; and Sharpe of Allen Home, guard.

Boys—Howell of Ridgeview, forward; Warlick of Ridgeview, guard; Cannon of Lenoir, center; Wells of Olive Hill, guard; and Abernethy of Ridgeview, guard.

Box of boys' championship game

Lincoln Heights

Harris f (10)
Cockeram f (2)
Triplet f (0)
Hickerson f (1)
Palmer c (0)
J. Watkins g (9)
Watkins g (0)
Hays g (0)

Totals ...22

Ridgeview

Howell f (20)
Warlick f (21)
Moore c (2)
Abernethy g (3)
Campbell g (0)
Bumgarner f (2)
Sudderth g (0)
Conner f (0)

Totals ...48

Black Panthers Take Morganton High; Girls Lose

Ridgeview High school's Black Panthers, 1944 champions of the Northwestern conference and undefeated in 1945, turned back the Olive Hill Y. Jackets of Morganton, 35 to 12, here Thursday night.

Olive Hill's girls nosed out the Ridgeview girls, however, 15 to 10.

Ridgeview will play Lenoir at Lenoir Tuesday night and Marion here Thursday night.

Announcement was also made today that the Northwestern tournament will be held here March 23 and 24.

The lineups follow

Olive Hill Girls

L. Fulwood f (2)
Lyle f (8)
Hardy f (3)
Johnson f (2)
Harrison f (0)
Chapman g
Tucker g
Crutchfield g
Ervin g

Total 15

Olive Hill Boys

Ervin f (3)
Williams f (4)
Wills f (2)
C. Williams c (1)
J. Lewis g (2)
Davis g (0)
Kincaid g (0)
Fulwood g (0)

Total 12

Ridgeview Girls

F. Fulwood f (3)
P. Hill f (4)
M. Brown f (1)
E. Deal f (0)
Saddler g
Wilson g
Derr g

Total 10

Ridgeview Boys

Warlick f (8)
Howell f (14)
Shuford f (2)
Sudderth f (0)
Moore c (0)
Campbell g (2)
Abernethy g (9)
Giles g (0)
B'garner g (0)
Finger g (0)

Total 35

1946 CHAMPIONS



Left to right: Gaither Lee Bost, William Rankin, Simpson Bumgarner, Ellis Johnson, Amos Brown, Samuel Johnson, Paul Patterson, Kenneth Shuford, Brooks Giles, Jr., Ernest Warlick, George Campbell, Coach George Samuels.

RIDGEVIEW HOST TO CAGE TOURNNEY

The annual basketball tournament of the North-western division of the State negro athletic organization will be held at Ridgeview High school, Hickory, Friday and Saturday with ten schools participating. The Record was informed today.

The schools are:

Ridgeview High, Hickory; Central High, Newton; Olive Hill High, Morganton; Lincoln Heights, Wilkesboro; Happy Plains High, Taylorsville; Hudgins High, Marion; Oak Lawn High, Lincolnton; Davidson High, Statesville; and Freedman High, Lenoir.

Incidentally, Ridgeview and Freedman will engage in a twin bill here this evening, starting at eight o'clock.

Each day of the tourney play will be between 10 a.m. and twelve o'clock, noon; three to five p.m.; and nine to eleven p.m.

Ridgeview Clashes With Taylorsville Here Tonight, 8

Ridgeview High school's undefeated Black Panthers are scheduled to meet Taylorsville, also unbeaten, on the local school's court this evening.

This girls' teams will also play, starting at eight o'clock.

This game may decide the conference championship, the Panthers coach said this morning. Any way, he is expecting a large crowd, he said.

The remainder of Ridgeview's home schedule is as follows:

February 8, Wilkesboro; February 16, Lenoir; February 22, Morganton; March 1, Marion; and March 8, Unity of Statesville.

On February 5 the Panthers will play Concord at Concord and on February 27 Lenoir there.

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RIDGEVIEW CAGERS COP 2 EASY WINS

BY ELLIS JOHNSON
Ridgeview Sports Reporter

Ridgeview High school's basketball teams rolled to two more wins here Thursday night as Coach B.P. Brown's Pantherettes downed Grahamtown's girls, 30-8, and Coach J.C. Johnson's Panthers roared to a 59-12 win over the Grahamtown boys. The Ridgeview teams completely outclassed the squads from Forest City.

Forward Jo Ann Sudderth led the Pantherettes with nine points. Pearl Jones dropped six markers through the nets.

Forward Roosevelt Rhinehardt and guards Jimmy Hill and Billy Brown scored eight points each to lead the Panthers. Jimmy Blanton led the losers with four tallies.

Ridgeview's next home games come next Thursday night when Ridgeview is host to Winston-Salem. The Panthers went to Laurinburg today to play an important battle that had been moved up from Monday night.

1948

Black Panthers Going Strong



The Ridgeview High school Black Panthers of Hickory are the proud champions of the 1948 Western District Basketball tournament, which was completed here Saturday night. They seized the title by defeating Carver High of Kannapolis, 58 to 37. As a result of their triumph here, the Panthers will compete in the Piedmont tournament that opens in Belmont Thursday. Pictured left to right in the front row above are Coach J.C. Johnson, J. Alexander, Thompson, Frederick, and Professor T.H. Broome, principal of Ridgeview. Back row, left to right, are Pierce, Melvin, Ivory, Giles, Warlick, Shuford and Westbrook. As proof that Ridgeview is building for the future in basketball, a practice game of teen-agers was stopped in order that this picture might be snapped at one end of the playing court. (Daily Record photo)

PANTHERS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Coach J.C. Johnson's high flying Panthers won the State Basketball Championship for the second straight year at Raleigh Saturday. The class "B" High school champions knocked off three powerful teams during their three-day climb to the title position.

The Panthers defeated Queen Street High of Beaufort 53-37 Thursday night, then rolled over Armstrong High of Roanoke Rapids, 59-26 Friday night and Saturday night Kings Mountain fell before the Panthers 42-23.

"This is the best balanced and poised team that I have ever coached," says Coach Johnson of his Ridgeview cagers.

The Panther star forward Thurston Warlick, was chosen the most valuable player of the three-day State tournament. He scored fifty-four points during the three games played, which gives him an eighteen point average per game.

All Tourney

Forward Warlick, Forward Eugene Harrell and Center Jessup Melvin were all chosen for the All-Tournament team. Guards Haywood Holmes and Roosevelt Rhinehart completed the Ridgeview quintet which swept to victory at Raleigh.

The Ridgeview team is expecting a bid to the National Tournament to be held at Nashville, Tenn. March 23, 24 and 25. The Panthers will keep in tip-top shape by participating in a tournament here Friday and Saturday of this week. Plans are being completed for the Northwest Tournament to be held at the Ridgeview gym.

By ELLIS JOHNSON
Ridgeview Sports Reporter

But since the 1980s, the State championship has been dominated by the Bulldogs, who hold a record of ninety wins and only three losses during those three years. This season, the Bulldogs set the almost unbelievable percentage

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Player	Pos.	Ht.	Class
James Hill	G	6	Jr
Robert Hamilton	F	6	Jr
Tom Warren	F	6-2	Jr
James Hill	G	5-9	Jr
James Hamilton	G	6-5	Sr
James Gipe	F	6	Jr
James Neal	F	6	Jr
Robert Thompson	G	6-6	Jr
Tom Smith	G	6-10	Jr
Tom Pittman	G	6-10	Jr
William Gipe	G	6-11	Soph
William Gipe	F	6-7	Soph
James Hamilton	G	6-8	F

1955-1956



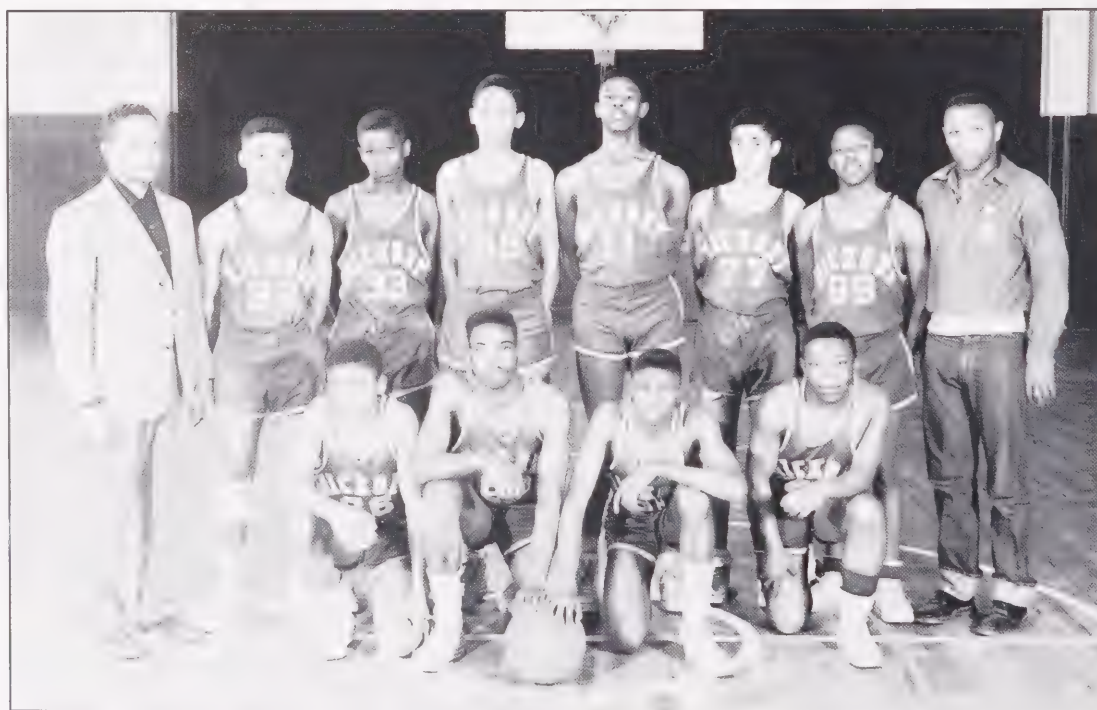
Kneeling: Edward Dula, Willie Pope, Kenneth McCorkle, Caesar Frederick, Jackie Davis, George Johnson, Marshall Sudderth, Paul Carter. Standing: Coach Sam Davis, Scorekeeper Ralph Childs, Charles Williams, Thomas Smith, Bobby Warlick, Bobby Rowe, Charles Rice, Melvyn Conner, Billy Sudderth, Douglas Gaston.

1955-1956



Left to right: Coach Burrell Brown, Charles Rice, George Oglesby, Charles Williams, Kenneth McCorkle, Bobby Rowe, Richard Davis, Douglas Gaston, Bobby Warlick, Billy Sudderth, Coach Davis. Kneeling: Caesar Frederick.

1957



Left to right: Coach Burrell Brown, Douglas Gaston, Jr. Johnson, Jack Carter, Bobby Warlick, William Primus, Kenneth McCorkle, Curtis Davis. Kneeling: Richard Davis, Charles Williams, Cecil Frederick, George Oglesby.

1958



Left to right: William Johnson, Joe Rankin, Bobby Finger, Jack Carter, Bobby Warlick, Marshall Sudderth, George Johnson, Bill Primus, Douglas Gaston, Coach Burrell Brown.

1962



Left to right: William Conley, Forney Johnson, Robert Dula, James Kimball, Nelson Brockenborough, Craig Wilfong, John Hodge, Stuart Broome, Kenneth Carter, Charles Saddler, Amos Saddler, Douglas Jennings, Richard Shade, Calvin Sharpe, William Roland, Bobby Thompson.

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Amos Saddler, Coach Burrell Brown,
James "Hardrock" Johnson, William
Conley, David Slacks.



1962-1963

Thomas Childs,
Tony Killian,
Kenneth Carter,
Burrell Brown, Jr.

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Kneeling: William Conley, Richard Shade, Robert Dula, Forney Johnson, Calvin Sharpe, William Roland. Standing: Coach Burrell Brown, James Kimball, Nelson Brockenborough, Craig Wilfong, Stuart Broome, Charles Saddler, John Hodge, Amos Saddler, Douglas Jennings

1963



Kneeling: Xenophone Lutz, Sam Scott, Richard Shade, William Roland, Calvin Sharpe. Second row: Coach Burrell Brown, Robert Dula, James Pearson, Charles Saddler, Forney Johnson, Nelson Brockenborough. Back row: James Kimball, Craig Wilfong, Stuart Broome, John Hodge.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Barbara Johnson/Forward - 1952



Shirley Johnson
Guard - 1951



Jeanetta Henderson
Forward - 1950



The Ace of 1946
Willie Rea Wilson/Guard

Joanne Suddereth
Forward - 1951

Catherine Suddereth
Forward - 1951



Minnie Sue Fullwood
Forward - 1951



1951 - NORTHWEST CONFERENCE SEASON TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



Front row (left to right): Fannie Gaston, Pearl Jones, Ella Mae Pompey (Captain), Detrick Barringer, Ala Mae Williams, Barbara Derr. Back row: Coach Brown, Shirley Johnson, Jo Ann Sudderth, Ollie Mae Westbrook, Alice Evans, Barbara Johnson, Mary Rose.

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Pride of Ridgeview High



Ridgeview High School basketball team, Northwest Conference Season Tournament Champions. The team is composed of seven players and one coach. The players are kneeling in the front row, and the coach is standing on the far left of the back row. The team is wearing light-colored uniforms. The photo is a black and white photograph.

1952



1955



Top row: Dorothy Scott, Elaine Connor, Martha Ann Burton. Bottom row: Willie Pope, Bernice Johnson, Yvonne Setzer, Fannie Gaston, Alice Hull.

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1956



Standing: Coach Wise, Priscilla Lutz, Dorothy Scott, Alice Hull, Minnie Rowe, Willie Pope, Yvonne Setzer, Mary Neal, Bernice Johnson, Virginia Lee, Jessie Collins, Mary Morrison, Coach Brown. Kneeling: Betty Greene, Juanita Shuford, Cozette Patterson, Faye Ramseur, Maggie Williams, Ruby Burch, Joyce Rankin, Cozette Johnson, Betty Hull.

1957



Standing: Mary Morrison, Minnie Rowe, Yvonne Setzer, Bernice Johnson, Willie Pope, Coach Davis, Alice Hull, Virginia Lee, Betty Hull, Jessie Collins, Maggie Williams, Priscilla Lutz. Kneeling: Juanita Shuford, Dorothy Scott, Faye Ramseur, Cozette Patterson.

1961-62



Kneeling: Nadine Hull, Nancy Wilfong. Center row: Olivia Morrison, Patricia Killian, Sue Carson, Joyce Ann Pope, Brenda Morrison. Back row: Coach Davis, Veda Cromwell, Betty Davis, Charlotte Scott, Patricia Thompson.

1961-1962



Carolyn Johnson, Nancy Wilfong, Barbara Withers, Sue Carson, Charlotte Scott, Nadine Hull, Patricia Thompson, Betty Davis, Veda Cromwell, Jackie Connor, Brenda Morrison, Patricia Killian, Joyce Ann Pope, Faye Little. Coach Davis, kneeling.

RIDGEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL - HICKORY, NC



GIRLS

NAME	NUMBER
Shirley Johnson	23
Flossie Waller	25
Jacqueline Johnson	30
Sue Carson	32
Nadine Hull	31
Jacqueline Connor	34
Patricia Thompson	20
Linda Rankin	33
Bessie Setzer	32
Betty Scott	24
Carolyn Johnson	22
Barbara Withers	21
S.W. Davis	Coach

BOYS

NAME	NUMBER
William Johnson	25
Joe Rankin	53
Allan Hart	21
Richard Hodge	51
Vincent James	11
James Johnson	35
David Slacks	15
Burrell P. Brown, III	15
Kenneth Carter	41
William Conley	3
Amos Saddler	31
Bobby Thompson	13
B P Brown	Coach

Colors: Royal Blue and Burnt Orange



Ridgeview Class Visits Record



The history class of Ridgeview High school (above), taught by Miss M.A. Noel (far right) visited The Hickory Daily Record offices Monday afternoon to learn about the processes used in publishing a daily newspaper. The visit was part of the class' study of current events. Included in the group are: Ella Mae Pompey, Shirley Johnson, Katherine Sudderth, Vivian Kimball, John Finger, O.V. Stevens, Raymond James, Dean Avery, Charles Derr, Marvin McGuire, Barbara Johnson and George Ramseur. (Daily Record Photo)

Ridgeview's Best Dressed



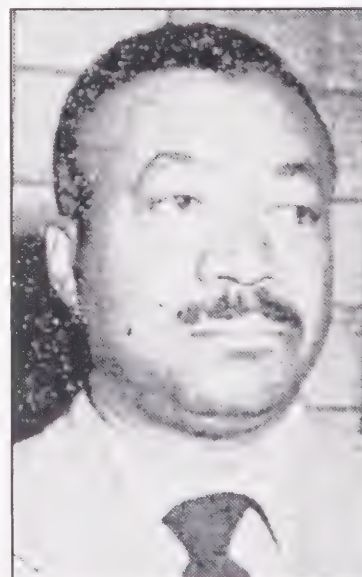
Shown above are eight of the 10 best dressed girls at Ridgeview High school as selected by ballots every day for a month cast by members of the New Homemakers of America Club.

They are, left to right: Olivia Morrison, Virginia Peterson, Gloria James, Peggy Setzer, Sandra Finger, Doris Forney, Marcenia Brown

and Margaret Pope. Juantia Shuford and Carolyn Johnson are not pictured.

The girls were selected for their general good grooming habits and appropriateness rather than the number of costumes in their wardrobes. The contest served as a stimulus to students to show a regard for their appearance and respect for self and others.

Director



John Wise Gore (above) has assumed his duties as director of recreation for the Ridgeview area. Mr. Gore is an artist of note, having displayed his work in various shows in Pittsburgh and New York. The new director is a native of Hickory.

Top Students

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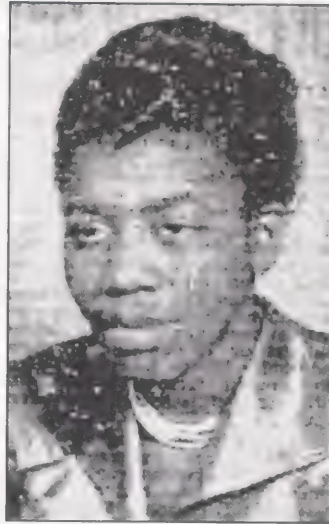
Rev. J. J. Alexander, above, of North Wilkesboro, recently accepted a call to the pastorate of Friendship Baptist Church, located at Sixth Avenue and Thirteenth Street, Hickory.

For more than thirteen consecutive years, the late Rev. T.R. Rucker, who passed away last August, was in charge of the congregation.

Rev. Alexander comes to Hickory from the Mount Olive Baptist Church, Newton; the Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Claremont and his home church, at North Wilkesboro. He served all of the congregations most successfully. When he accepted the call to the Newton church five years ago, the congregation was more than eight hundred dollars in debt. Within a short time the debt was lifted an approximately three thousand dollars was expended in renovating the church building. Today the church has a very aggressive organization, a beautiful wooden structure, and all debts paid.

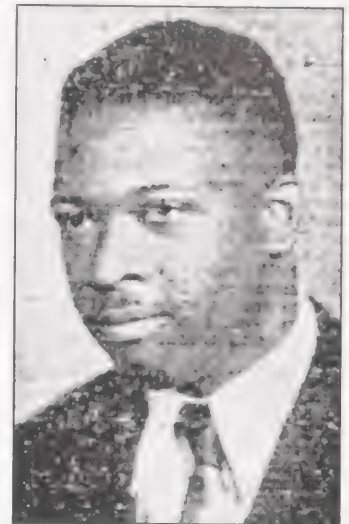
The church at Claremont called Rev. Alexander fourteen years ago, at which time the congregation was worshipping in an old wooden building. The building was brick-veneered, the size of the congregation doubled, and seventy-five percent of the women members are attending missionary circles.

Rev. Alexander plans to move his family to Hickory from North Wilkesboro, as soon as arrangement can be made to do so.



ELLA MAE POMPEY

Top students in the 1951 graduating class at Ridgeview High school are Ella Mae Pompey and Franklin Derr. Miss Pompey, whose scholastic average at the local colored school is ninety-one, will be valedictorian at the final commencement exercises to be held at the school at May 31 at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Derr whose average is eighty-nine, will be



FRANKLIN DERR

salutatorian. Dean G.L. Johnson of the Winston-Salem Teachers college faculty will address the graduates. Prof. T.H. Broome, principal of Ridgeview, states that the two honor students have received several offers of college scholarships. He reports that Miss Pompey is planning to become a nurse.

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Top Students



TAFT BROOME, JR.

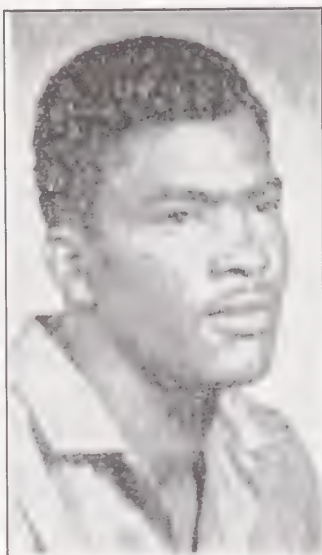
Taft Howard Broome, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Broome, Sr., Eighth Avenue Drive, S.W. Hickory, has been named valedictorian of the 1960 graduating class at Ridgeview High



IDA BLAIR

Miss Ida Blair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blair, 1000 N. W. 10th St., Hickory, has been named salutatorian of the 1960 graduating class at Ridgeview High School.

Ridgeview Honor Students



EDWARD CLAY

The student body has selected as boy and girl of the month Edward Clay and Marcenia Brown as students possessing the most desirable traits.

Edward Clay, a Senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Clay of 357 Eighth Avenue Drive, SW and a member of Morning Star Baptist Church. He is a fullback and one of the captains of the football team, a member of the choir, and an aide to the Senior class business manager. He is interested in sports and art, and upon graduation he plans to pursue a course in vocational education.

Choir Pianist

Marcenia Brown, Freshman, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burrell P. Brown of 433 First Avenue, SW and is a member of



MARCENIA BROWN

Morning Star Baptist church, where she is pianist for the junior choir. She is a member of the school choir, and is on the Junior Recreation Committee at the Ridgeview Community Center. She is interested in science and piano, and aspires to become a pediatrician.

Ozzie Clay of Iowa State, a former gridiron star at Ridgeview, is getting along fine after a recent operation, although he is out of action for the season. Recent reports show that he has been of great value to Iowa this season.

W.R. Robinson, director of the choir, was elected chairman of the Music Division of the Southwestern District of North Carolina Teachers Association last Friday at a meeting held at Cleveland High School, Shelby

Students Recognized



Certificates of recognition to the two Ridgeview High school students chosen as outstanding by a vote of the student body were presented by Hickory Optimist Club members at a school chapel program Thursday during the current observance of Youth Appreciation Week, which is sponsored by the club. While Principal Taft Broome (left) looks on, Thomas Penn accepts a certificate for Paul Carter, who was ill, and Ida Blair received her certificate from Optimist James C. Barker and Optimist Graham Mills (right). Mr. Barker is chairman of the Youth Appreciation Week observance, and Major Mills is a member of the committee. (Photo by Poovey's Studio)

Center To Honor Former Teachers

B.P. BROWN, JR.
30 Years TeachingWILLIAM H. PENN
Retired in 1976

By DAVID NIVENS

The names of two former Ridgeview High School teachers will be attached to a renovated community center in the Ridgeview community.

The Hickory City Council decided Tuesday night during a holiday-delayed session to name the renovated Ridgeview School Gymnasium the Brown-Penn Auditorium in honor of Burrell Peterson Brown, Jr. and the late Thomas H. Penn, Jr.

Council accepted the recommendation of the citizens committee chaired by Alderman Everett M. Eckerd that the center bear the names and that the city also should recognize several other citizens who have made contributions to the community.

Brown of 702 First Avenue, SE, is a former teacher and coach who expanded his interest in sports to city recreation programs by offering his assistance. He holds numerous college degrees and coached one girls basketball team to a championship.

The father of five children, he was born in Maryland and holds a degree from Oxford University and several other American and English universities. He taught at Ridgeview High School from 1947-64; at Central High School in Newton from 1965-67 and since then has been teaching at Bunker Hill High School.

He has 20 years total experience as a high school driving instructor and completed 30 years of teaching in June. He is married to Marcenia B. Brown and has served on the teacher certification board at Lenoir-Rhyne College.

The late Mr. Penn, the son of Thomas H. Penn, Sr. and Mary H. Penn, began teaching at Ridgeview in 1945. He directed the school band and won numerous awards. He retired after teaching for 31 years in June 1976. He is survived by his wife, the former Blanche Johnson of 34 Eighth Avenue Drive, SE, and five children. Mrs. Penn is a date review teacher with the Social Security Administration in Hickory.

Serving on the nomination committee were Ellis D. Johnson, Jeanette Killian, Larry Rose, Robert Thompson and Robert Carlisle.

Rose is the Ridgeview Recreation Center supervisor and Thompson is a member of the city recreation advisory committee.

Aldermen Edgar E. "Gene" Rhyne, John N. Grubbs also participated.

The former school gym, which will serve as a recreation and cultural center, is one of several community development projects undertaken in the former Ridgeview School complex.

The former elementary school has been renovated into a day care center and the former cafeteria is planned to become a multi-purpose senior citizens' building.

Federal funds also have paid for repairs to the Ridgeview Recreation Center.

Alderman Neill W. Clark, Jr. earlier suggested that the city name the complex after a prominent black Hickory citizen.

City officials also may consider honoring nine other community residents and any others that may be named by the Hickory Community Relations Council for council consideration.

Charging Down The Avenue!



Ridgeview High School's colorfully uniformed band got its share of the applause Thursday during the parade which featured the Joyous Farmers' Day. This picture, taken by Vernon Flowers, shows the band swinging down Union Square and preparing to make the turn. The drum majorette, in center foreground was caught by the camera just as she turned.



Brenda Micheux



Carolyn Killian



Juanita Smith



Patricia Camp



June Burke

Carolyn Killian & Anthony Parks



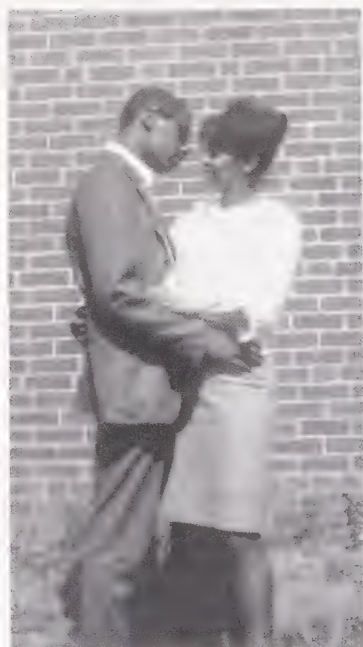
Barbara Saddler



Brenda Micheux



June Burke



William Hunt
and Barbara Saddler



Charles Thompson
and LaVerne Brown



Roosevelt Corpening
and Janice Lutz



Carolyn Killian, Anthony Parks,
and Martha Turner



Barbara Saddler and
Charles Redmon

Rudolph Carlton



Chuck Bird, Linda,
Anthony Parks,
Martha Turner



Chuck Bird

Barbara Saddler and Bill Pope



Linda and Martha Turner



Betty Ramseur



1966 - Bernice Thompson
and McDonald Foster



1966 - Roosevelt Corpening
and Joan



LaVerne Brown, William Hunt,
June Burke, Betty Ramseur, Janice Lutz



1966 - Arthur Williams, Audrey Adams,
Glen Wilfong, Cathleen Williams,
Annie Mae Corpening, Wya.

1966 - Deborah Thompson and Friend



1966 - Jackie and Ollie

1966 - Peggy Blair and John Thompson



1966 - Carolyn, Jimmy, Clarence, Deborah, Joan, Guy, Cathleen



1966 - Audrey, Guy, Doris, Shelia, James, Deborah



1966 - Charles Thompson, Mable, Bernice and Doug

1966 - Charles Thompson

1966 - Arthur Williams
and Albert Morrison



1966 - Charlene Gore
and Arthur Williams



1967 - Rosetta Conner



1966 - Carolyn Killian and Maurice

1967 - Carolyn Killian
and Friend



1967 - Linda Ramseur



Peggy Blair, Willie Byrd,
John Thompson, Deborah Thompson



James Gaither and Bobby Bivens



Patricia Coates and McDonald Foster

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Class of 1966 - The Last Graduating Class of Ridgeview High



Ridgeview Class Reunion

The Ridgeview High School class of 1966, the last graduating class at the high school, held its first reunion earlier this month. Activities over the Fourth of July weekend included a cocktail hour at the home of Larry Williams, a cookout at Kiwanis Park, a evening dance and social at the Holiday Inn and a Sunday morning worship service at Morning Star First Baptist Church, followed by a dedication ceremony at the former school gym. Attending were, left to right, front row: Dianne Hunter Duke, Felicia Sherrill, Vickie Wilfong Rhyne, Ella Connor Rhinehardt, Gerald Reed, former teacher Janet Thompson, and a former principal Taft H. Broome. Second row: Dorothy Gaither, Joyce Smith Morrison, Judy Dula Mayhew, Janice Lutz Johnson, Arthur McKnight, Mikki Derr Taylor, William Heard, former school secretary Savannah Washburn, former teacher Burrell Brown. Third row, Barbara Eckard, Shirley Brown, Katie Roberts, Ann Little, Frank Abernethy, Lewis Collins, Charles Redmond. Fourth row, Hubert James, Larry Williams and William Duke. Not pictured are: Betty Ramseur Thomas, Allen Burch, Robert Hoyle, Rudolph Carlton, Detroit Rhyne, Jerry Johnson, Ethel and Curtis Cunningham, Lila Alred Flowers and Lewis Haynes. The class presented a plaque to be hung in what is now a recreation facility. Another reunion in five years is planned.



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